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COUNCIL CANDIDATES Letitia Moore, Kathy Perka, Bea O'Keefe and Janet Abelson answer questions at the ECDC forum.

## Forum airs candidates' stands

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — All four City Council hopefuls showed up last week to answer questions from the public and the El Cerrito Democratic Club, and to ask for your vote come Nov. 2. The ECDC's candidates' night public meeting drew more than 100 people, and questions ranged from redevelopment, taxes and the Committee of the Whole to teen-ager curfews and city staff wages.

In all, candidates Janet Abelson, Letitia Moore, Beatrice O'Keefe and Kathleen Perka answered more than 15 questions. Some highlights include:

### Budget deficit and taxes

Limited to one- or two-minute an-

swers, the first question put to each of the four by moderator Glen Price asked how El Cerrito will cope if, as predicted, city expenses will soon greatly outstrip city revenues. A follow-up question asked candidates if they would support a tax measure to avoid further service reductions.

Perka started off the answers, saying "the reality is that our revenues are limited and it's important that we make every dollar count."

She said there is "no single solution" to the city's budget woes. "We need to enhance our revenues through rational and balanced economic development — I can't hit that home more — there is no big-box solution," Perka said. "We need to improve our financial management

and long-term financial plan so we can avoid the feast or famine mentality."

On the matter of a tax measure to avoid service cuts, Perka said new financial plans and strategies could preclude the need for new taxes, but added, "if it's necessary, I would support a tax."

O'Keefe said the city needs to institute "financial long-range planning." She said El Cerrito has not done this in the past and added, "If we do that we shouldn't have any surprises — we should know exactly what our revenues and our expenses are."

O'Keefe also pushed for "adequate emergency reserves" to deal with funding shortfalls in the short-term.

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A TURNOUT estimated at about 100 came to the forum at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

## Plaza Fiesta, Citywide Garage Sale enliven EC tomorrow

EL CERRITO — Saturday should be anything but boring, with the city playing host to not one, but two major events: The 10th annual Citywide Garage Sale and the fourth annual October Fiesta at

the El Cerrito Plaza.

The Citywide Garage Sale, sponsored by the El Cerrito Recycling Center and billed as "one gigantic reuse project," takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with over 150 families expected to participate.

The idea of the event is to encourage waste reduction through reuse of items, reducing the amount of garbage going to landfills. Residents will clean out their garages, attics, and basements for this one-day bonanza. Some streets, such as a portion of Pomona Avenue, are planning block sales, and for those who get hungry during the search for bargains, Harding Elementary School at Fairmount and Ashbury is holding a barbecue along

with its annual fundraising rummage sale on the school playground.

Free maps and a list of garage sale locations and items for sale will be available today (after 3 p.m.) and tomorrow at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, 7501 Schmidt Lane and the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane or you can simply cruise the streets looking for bargains. Call the El Cerrito Recycling Center at 1-510-215-4350 for more details.

Before or after you're done looking for bargains on used items, check out the food, fun and entertainment at the October Fiesta held by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza.

Crafts vendors, exhibits by local businesses and area organizations and a full slate of musical and other entertainment are just part of what you'll find at the free event.

The El Sobrante Art Guild will set up in the former Miller's Outpost store at 740 El Cerrito Plaza, and there will be a show of prints, watercolors, oils, lithographs and oriental pieces presented by H.L. Smith Collectibles and Antiques.

Zip the Clown will entertain children and, for a nominal fee, will offer rides around the Plaza on his miniature train. There will also be a bounce house and face painting for kids.

## City seals pact with agency for Bulb

By James Carter

ALBANY — City Administrator Daren Fields announced Monday that the city and the Regional Water Quality Control Board have reached an agreement that virtually "leaves the (Bulb) as it is."

"I'm pleased to announce a new closure order," for the Bulb, Fields told the City Council at its Oct. 4 meeting.

The settlement ends 14 years of negotiations between Albany and the water quality board, an agency that in 1984 ordered the city to cap, seal, regrade and fill the landfill. If the city had been compelled to obey the original closure order, costs could have soared as high as \$4 million.

Instead, Albany will pay about \$3,000 a year in "inspection costs and reports," according to a staff report. The city also "indicated its desire to 'breach' the west and east lagoons" at the Bulb, enhancing a wetland and aquatic habitat at an estimated cost of \$750,000, according to the report.

Water quality first became an issue in 1965 when the Albany City Council decided to deposit landfill into the Bay. According to former mayor Ruth Ganong, prior to that time, "we had very little fill

out there."

During a brief interview Monday evening, Ganong said she and others, including City Hall watchdog Dario Meniketti, spent years fighting efforts to fill the bay.

"The city had a bad contract with a dump operator that lasted 20 years," she said, one that established the 36 acres of land now known as the Bulb. In 1985, the RWQCB stunned the city with a order to cap and seal it, arguing that chemicals and other contaminants could leach from the landfill into the bay.

Fields said the new agreement clears the way for continued negotiations with the East Bay Regional Park District in the effort to include the rock and rubble landfill as part of the Eastshore State Park.

According to the city administrator, EBRPD estimates two years will be required to draw up plans for a park linking the East Bay shore from Emeryville to Richmond.

However Councilman Bob Good suggested the city take a second look at what he called a very valuable piece of real estate "that could be used for other purposes."

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## Zoning Commission, City Council mix it up

By James Carter

ALBANY — Oil and water do not mix: Ask anyone who has ever owned and worked in a garage where there is a car.

The adage was proven again Monday night during a joint meeting of members of the City Council and the Zoning and Planning Commission.

The hour-and-a-half meeting Oct. 4 provided two different views on the purpose of zoning regulations and their application in the issuance of building permits, exceptions and waivers.

And though members of both groups mixed it up, by meeting's end their differences continued to separate them.

Commission member Andrew Hays suggested the permit process should be viewed through the eyes of families "who want to live in town for 25 years or more" as opposed to those who "move in and move out."

He said families committed to a long-term stay in town want to expand and

add on to their property, but may leave if the commission strictly enforces parking provisions of Measure D.

Measure D, passed by voters in 1978, contains language that, among other things, is geared to provide more off-street parking in town.

When homeowners apply for permits to add more living space to their homes, they are required to provide such parking, numbers that depend upon the size of their homes and the amount of parking they already have. Hays argued that each request for a permit or a waiver should be approached case by case — the manner he maintained is currently practiced by the commission.

But Evan Flavell, also a member of the commission, questioned whether his colleagues ever denied an application for a permit or a waiver, regardless of whether the applicant did or did not conform to zoning and building regulations affecting parking.

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## Recommendations made for El Cerrito ballot measure

By J.R. Deaton

At the Oct. 1 Public Facilities Financing Task Force meeting, the group decided to recommend that the Swim Center, Canyon Trail Clubhouse and rest room facilities at Hubbard, Huber and Poinsett park clubhouses be the items placed on a March ballot for recom-

struction funding. Which type of funding measure to recommend was not decided. The overall amount of the package is estimated at about \$5.3 million.

A \$4.9 million plan to reconstruct the Swim Center was approved by the City Council last month. A plan to fully rehabilitate Canyon Trail Clubhouse reviewed by the council earlier this year estimated that cost to be about \$235,000.

Estimates developed by Michael Woldemar and Associates and reviewed by the task force last week put the cost of renovating the three clubhouse restrooms at something between \$124,350 and \$138,170.

The task force also saw a presentation by Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft about the condition and needs of the city streets. After much discussion, the group decided to leave street pavement reconstruction and other projects for subsequent ballot measures.

"The pool project has the momentum; it's the one that's been in the newspapers. It's the one that's had community workshops. It's the one that people have been hearing about," said task force member Brenda Navellier.

The task force will continue meeting and plans to make its recommendations to the City Council on Oct. 18.

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## Alafi art exhibit

An exhibit of paintings, watercolors, and small objects from the collection of Margaret Alafi will be presented at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, located at 1398 Solano Avenue in Albany. Included in this mixed-media exhibit are the works of Evelyn Glaubman, Solomon Fagan and Jon Larson. The exhibit runs through Oct. 29. Details: 524-0291.

## Multi-Cultural Festival

A free Multi-Cultural Festival will be held Sunday, October 17, (12 noon-4 p.m.) at St. Mary's College High School, Ventura and Posen streets, Albany. Booths rich in a variety of ethnic and cultural heritage will display textiles, literature, history, art, and many other areas of interest from countries throughout the world. Ethnic food will be served potluck on our community table between 12-4 p.m. Musicians and dancers will entertain between 12:30-3:30 p.m. Entertainment will be Hawaiian guitarist, Japanese Taiko drummers, Persian dancer and musicians, Peruvian musicians, Egyptian belly dancer, Scottish country and step dancing, Negro spirituals, Irish dance, international folk dancing, Mexican Folklorico, and Saint Mary's Dance Ensemble. The event is free and open to the public. Details: Amal Barsom, co-chair at 223-6134 or Marina Worms at 799-3477 before 9 p.m.

## Fun at Tilden

Tilden Regional Park free kids programs for this weekend include "Spiders!" on Saturday at 2 p.m. Begin with a slide show, then go outside to look for some local spiders. On Sunday at 2 p.m. it's "Eucalyptus and You," where you can walk through the forest and learn about the eucalyptus trees around you. Sunday at 6 p.m. it's "New Moon Hike." Take an evening stroll and enjoy the stars. For age 8 and older. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. Details: (510) 525-2233.

## Roszak here Oct. 13

Theodore Roszak nationally known historian and professor at Cal State, Hayward, will discuss his most recent books, "The Gendered Atom: Reflections on the Sexual Psychology of Science," preface by Jane Goodall, and "America the Wise: The Longevity Revolution and the True Wealth of Nations," a study of the cultural and political opportunities of our aging society, at the annual General Membership Meeting

and 30th anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Albany Library at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1247 Marin Ave. (at Masonic). Roszak's other works include the best selling "The Making of a Computer Culture" (now in a new edition from the University of California Press), "The Voice of the Earth" (the book that founded the study of ecopsychology), and "The Cult of Information," a study of the use of computers in all walks of life. He has been a Guggenheim fellow and was twice nominated for the National Books Award. Avenue Books, 2904 College Ave., Berkeley, will bring several of Professor Roszak's books to the meeting for signing. Refreshments will also be provided. Details: 526-3720.

## Library book sale

Friends of the Kensington Library is having a "Book Sale" with lots of new and used books, and children's books on Sunday, Oct. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. behind the Kensington Library at 61 Arlingdale Avenue in Kensington. We will have records, foreign language books, paperbacks, collectors' items, books on tape, arts and sciences, computer texts, videos, cookbooks and reference books. For more information call 524-3043.

## Snakes Alive!

The Tilden Nature Area at Tilden Regional Park invites you to come meet a gopher snake, king snake and maybe even a rattlesnake (no touching the rattlesnake) in a free program on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Info: (510) 525-2233

## Ohlone Greenway cleanup

Sustainable El Cerrito has set Oct. 16 as the first work party date for cleanup of the Ohlone Greenway. Focus will be on the north end of the greenway. Details: Lori Dair, 232-6466.

## Friends of Albany Hill

Friends of Albany Hill 1999-2000 Urban Forestry Work Season has started its fifth year of monthly restoration projects under the advisement of Dr. Barbara Etter, botanist and Collections Manager of the University and Jepson Herbarium, Robert Langston, Society of American Lepidopterists, and Carole Fitzgerald, artist and instructor at City College of San Francisco, and project manager. Fall work schedule dates are Oct. 30, and Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Work to be done by the volunteers of the "Friends of Albany Hill" includes: German and English ivy, French broom,

Himalayan blackberry, Oxalis, and non-native grass removal. Join your neighbors from Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Berkeley, and Richmond Annex in managing and maintaining vegetation and wildlife habitats. Meet at the Jackson Street turnaround on the northern side of Albany Hill. Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and work gloves, all required to participate. Bring pruners and clippers. Adults must accompany children. For information call Hortensia Chang or John Nelson at 526-8369 or Carole Fitzgerald at 528-5236.

## Sign up for Martial Arts

Albany's Recreation and Community Services Department, 1249 Marin Ave. is taking registration for its martial arts program. Aikido classes for children are held Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aikido for Adults is held Monday thru Friday from 6 p.m. Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. Karate for Adults is held Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. thru 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Details: 524-9283.

## 'Atoms Family' at LHS

On Saturday the Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive, holds the opening day of its electrifying new exhibit "The Atoms Family," which explores the complex world of energy and matter and features the likes of Dracula and The Mummy, daily live demonstrations, and hands-on activities. The Atoms Family features the images of Dracula, the Wolf Man, the Phantom of the Opera, and other popular horror characters from classic 1930s Hollywood movies. These horrific hosts guide you through Gothic environments designed by New Yorker artist Ian Falconer, featuring over 25 hands-on activities, demonstrations, and experiments to take visitors into the thrilling, sometimes chilling world of the atom. The exhibit, at the hall through Jan. 9, is free with LHS admission. Details: 642-5132.

## Child study participants

Specialists in child development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with children ages 4 to 6 years old to participate in a research study of children's responses to the challenges they encounter and their descriptions of those experiences. Participation includes two visits to the Child Study Center and families will be compensated \$30 for their time. Details: Dr. Jodi Quas, 643-2523 or quas@uclink4.berkeley.edu.

## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

## Stege commendations — and politics

The Stege Sanitary District and District Manager Lawrence Rugaard were each given commendations by the city at this week's City Council meeting. In August, Stege received the 1999 Innovation Award from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and Rugaard, who has been Stege's district manager since 1985, received CASA's 1999 Outstanding Service Award.

Stege, which provides wastewater disposal services for El Cerrito, Kensington and the Richmond Annex, won the Innovation Award for development of a video enhancement and predictive failure model, a unique computerized program.

Before Mayor Gina Brusatori presented the commendations at last Monday's meeting, Councilman Norman La Force used a point of order to say the Stege commendation at this time was politically motivated. Beatrice O'Keefe, president of the

Stege board of directors and candidate for City Council is named in the commendation. La Force charged that Brusatori, who is listed in O'Keefe's campaign literature as a supporter, made a "unilateral decision" to award the commendations a month before the election. "I'm sorry for our city and our residents — all of whom are being used for a partisan political purpose tonight," La Force said. La Force said he did not "begudge" the Stege directors, employees, O'Keefe or Rugaard receiving commendations, but, he added, "all this should be done through a proper motion by this body authorizing the commendation and authorizing the mayor to make this happen."

La Force made a formal motion for the council to approve the commendations, later saying "I think the public now knows why we're all here and what this show is all about."

Brusatori said La Force was "out of line" and defended the decision to place the commendations on this

week's agenda. "These are very worthwhile awards," she said. Brusatori said Stege has served the community well. "If there is an issue as far as how this should have been agenzied then I would have to defer to Mr. Stern and Mr. Pokorny," (the city attorney and city manager) Brusatori said.

City Attorney Howard Stern said "this is standard procedure — the mayor sets the agenda."

The council finally voted on La Force's motion, the commendations were unanimously approved, and Brusatori made the presentations.

## Red flag days

Interim Fire Chief Mark Scott reports that the Bay Area's fire season is just beginning "and will continue until several winter storms have

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## Men, 62, 88, involved in fracas

Report dates depend upon the timeliness of records provided to The Journal by the police.

EL CERRITO — An ongoing feud between two senior citizens reached a new low Sept. 15 when a 62-year-old man, aided by his dog, reportedly knocked an 88-year-old neighbor to the ground. The brawl, which police say occurred before daybreak on the 2100 block of Pinehurst Court, resulted in the arrest of the 62-year-old, who was charged with battery, though his dog apparently got off scot-free.

A crook broke through a back window of Quality Tune-Up on San Pablo Avenue during the late night or early morning of Sept. 17 or 18. The thief stole over \$1,200 in tools and valuables from the auto repair shop.

A resident on the 2300 block of Arlington Boulevard left open the door to ruin the night of Sept. 19 as a thief walked right into a garage and absconded with \$9,795 in valuables. Some of those items may have been carried off in a suitcase pilfered from the premises,

along with tools and clothing.

■ Sometime during the late evening or early morning of Sept. 19 or 20, a thief opened the door of an unlocked car parked on the 6500 block of Knott Avenue and ripped off an in-dash stereo, a digitalized camera and computer tools valued at \$1,200.

■ On the 2300 block of Alva Drive, a burglar broke through the rear-wing window of a 1996 Honda Civic and stole an in-dash stereo and CDs valued at \$600.

■ At high noon Sept. 25, a 36-year-old homeless man held up the Bank of the West. According to the police report, he handed a clerk a note demanding money, then slowly slipped a hand inside his jacket suggesting he was armed. The 19-year-old woman complied with his demand and gave him exactly \$2,921.98. Meanwhile, an anxious 42-year-old Hayward man waited outside, and when the thief stepped out into the light of day, the two of them made a run for it. Both were arrested by police.

■ A 23-year-old woman who an-

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swered a knock on her door and screamed when a 40-year-old man grabbed her by the neck and forced his way inside her apartment, located on the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue. Two nearby heard her cry at 11:40 a.m. and rushed to the rescue, members of the accused, who was arrested for burglary.

■ Police conducted a check on San Pablo Avenue. From 8:30 p.m. until 3 a.m. the morning, two north-bound vehicles were narrowed to one between Street and Cutting Avenue. Albany Kensington Police and the Highway Patrol, officers from the El Cerrito, stopped every third vehicle, according to Sgt. Mike Regan. Arrests were made for driving without the influence, four for outstanding warrants, and two for possession of a controlled substance. In total, automobiles passed through checkpoint, Regan said.

## Pierce Street site of more auto break-in

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 7 a.m. on Sept. 28, officers received several reports of an elderly woman trying to open doors of homes on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue. She appeared to be confused and disoriented. When the description of the woman was given on the airways the El Cerrito police responded to report that they were looking for a missing person who matched her description.

They arrived in the area and contacted the 82-year-old woman. In a very happy ending she was returned to her home.

■ At about 12:15 a.m. on Sept. 27, Albany officers observed a small group of teens at St. Mary's High School and when they approached them the group fled. The two Albany boys, ages 15 and 16, and the 17-year-old Albany girl, were ultimately contacted and transported to their homes and their parents were informed of their activities.

■ On the morning of Sept. 27, a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves stole his burgundy colored '91 Honda Civic. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 27, Albany dispatch received several reports of cars being broken into and items being stolen from cars parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street.

■ At about 4:45 p.m. on Sept. 27, an Albany resident reported that, while in the area of Kains and Solano Avenues, he had been approached by a subject he described as a black male, 16 to 17 years old, weighing about 130 pounds, wearing a bright green shirt and jeans shorts. The subject threatened him in an attempt to rob him. The subject was not successful and was gone when officers arrived.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, Albany officers contacted a 39-year-old San Francisco man who was near

the landfill area. He was found to have two outstanding "No Bail" warrants from Contra Costa County. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail, to be later moved to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ On the early morning of Sept. 28, a resident on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into her burgundy '90 Toyota Camry and performed a messy prow. Nothing appeared to have been taken and there were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 28, a resident on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his silver '86 Toyota van. There were no witnesses. Officers also discovered that, during the same night, thieves had broken into cars on the 700, 800 & 900 blocks of Pomona Avenue. Again, there were no witnesses.

■ A resident on the 700 block of Adams Street reported that thieves had stolen several plants that were planted in her planter box. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 28, Albany officers contacted a 34-year-old transient man near Buchanan and Polk streets who had three outstanding Albany warrants totaling \$6,000. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ Just after midnight on Sept. 29, Albany officers responded to the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a fight in the parking lot. One subject ran when officers arrived, but was apprehended. He was found to have an outstanding Oakland warrant in the amount of \$500. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ Several cars were broken into on the 500 block of Pierce Street dur-

ing the night of Sept. 28. Early morning of Sept. 29, there were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 28, a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Street reported that during the night thieves broke into his 1991 Honda Civic and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 28, officers contacted a 22-year-old man known to have Albany warrants. A check found that he had an outstanding Albany warrant for drunk driving in the amount of \$3,000 and an outstanding Berkeley warrant for theft in the amount of \$3,000. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail, which moved to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ On the morning of Oct. 1, an incident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that thieves broke into her home and stole items of value. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of October 1, a resident on the 900 block of Route Boulevard reported that, on Route Boulevard reported that, on a bike the subject had stolen from his garage. The subject was described as a white male with long hair, wearing glasses, navy blue sweater and jeans.

■ At about 12:45 a.m. on Oct. 2, officers stopped a gray '87 as it near Tenth and Monroe Street on a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 25-year-old Martinez man, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested. He was cited to be released when sober. The passenger in the car, a 24-year-old Albany man, was taken to the police action and possibly to harass the officers and intimidate

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## BERKELEY BALLET THEATER



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## LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being evaluated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as ILP 3004, is one of several in a worldwide development project known as the ReALIZE program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all major mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and an inability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is vital for patients battling this disease."

Patients participating in this ReALIZE study will receive free study medication or placebo and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReALIZE study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-8484, ext. 136.

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## IN BRIEF

## Hearing on dogs in parks

At the request of the Albany City Council, the Albany Parks and Recreation Commission will consider a community meeting regarding dogs in public parks and on athletic fields.

In the past year, the city and the Parks and Recreation Commission have received comments from park users, dog owners, and community groups in regard to perceived problems and benefits concerning dogs in public parks and athletic fields. The commission is interested in maintaining a manageable environment for all park and athletic field users. Community input and testimony is an important part of the assessment process.

The commission invites public testimony on the issue to access whether changes to the Municipal Code, Chapter X-Animal Control, need to be recommended to the City Council.

It is expected that the commission will hear and review public testimony at this meeting and make recommendations for the council at the November meeting. The date will be set at the October commission meeting.

## Cleanup in Richmond

**RICHMOND** — Under the name, "Building the Promised Land Can Be," Richmond Mayor Cary Corbin will lead a community cleanup with Amnesty International Community Minister In Curtis Carroll, and the ministers of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, the Barbara and Bill Hamilton Foundation on Saturday morning, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Those interested should wear work clothes, gloves and meet at the corner of Fourth Street and Ohio Avenue in Richmond. Corbin is also a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley.

This event is part of the church's "vision" activities this fall involving church members in activities throughout the community. Many members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, located at 1 Lawson Road in Kensington, live in the greater Richmond area. Details: 525-0302.

## History and family photos

**RICHMOND** — The Richmond Museum of History's new exhibit of photographs, "Shades of Richmond: 50 Years of Family Photos," will run Oct. 6 in the Seaver Gallery through Jan. 10. The exhibit is a gala reception for photo donors and project volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The photographs were chosen from the collections of over 30 local families and illustrate life in the World War II Richmond. They show an amazing diversity of Richmond residents, from African Americans who migrated here in the 1940s to recent immigrants from Asia, working, playing, and celebrating the events they felt important enough to photograph.

The exhibit features 50 photographs selected from the over 250 copies at a Photo Day held May. All of those photos are now

part of the archives of the Richmond Museum of History and are available to the public. Details: 235-7387.

## Classes, programs at Albany Pool

**ALBANY** — Albany Pool at 1311 Portland Ave. in Albany has a variety of laps swim times available.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the pool is open from 6-7:55 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8:25 a.m.; Monday through Friday, noon to 12:55 p.m. and 2-3:25 p.m.; Monday through Thursday laps are 5:30-8:25 p.m. and 8:30-9:25 p.m. Friday hours are 6:30-7:25 p.m.

Saturday the pool is open from 6:30-7:55 a.m., 12:30-1:25 p.m., 4:30-6:25 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-2:25 p.m. and 4:30-6:25 p.m.

The fee for lap swim is \$4 per swim, or \$40 for a 10-swim ticket. The senior or disabled rate is \$3.50. The senior/disabled 10-swim ticket is \$30.

Friday evening recreational swim is from 7:30-9:20 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 2:30-4:20 p.m.

The fee is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$3.50 for seniors/disabled. There are 10-swim tickets and family rates available. Details: 559-6640.

## CD ROM

## lending program

**KENSINGTON** — Kensington Library has been chosen to participate in a CD ROM lending program, with its own on-site collection available this fall. In addition to its own collection, many other CD ROM titles, suitable for PCs and MACs, are already available on inter-library loan.

A variety of interactive CD ROMs will be available. Titles include small business startup, home and garden planning, management, remodeling, accounting and children's programs.

## History Alive! Chautauqua

**RICHMOND** — On Sunday, Oct. 10, the Richmond Museum of History will present "History Alive! Chautauqua," a portrayal of Juana Briones, one of the Gold Rush era's most fascinating women, by renowned local storyteller Olga Loya. This theatrical presentation will be held in the auditorium of Washington School, Point Richmond, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the performance.

Juana Briones was a prominent and successful woman in early California, with ties to the Rancho San Pablo, the land were Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito are today. She was the daughter of a corporal at the San Francisco Presidio and one of the first residents of that town.

She was successful in business and as a rancher, landowner and humanitarian, an unusual woman for that time. She fought to keep her land grant, in what is now San Francisco, all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Olga Loya will bring Juana Briones to life in a dramatic, historically accurate monologue. Following the 20-minute monologue, the historical character will take questions directly from audience members. The museum is at the corner of Fourth and Nevin. Details: 235-7387.

## AC Transit buses to roll all night

## Agency restores 24/7 service on local and transbay routes

By Marc Albert

It's been a long and hard three years for AC Transit riders, but beginning Sunday the long wait is over.

Beginning Sunday morning at midnight, the familiar white bus with the green and orange stripe will become a bit less scarce.

Many lines will run more frequently and have weekend routes restored. Berkeley will also get something it hasn't had in a while—weekend service to San Francisco on line F UC-Berkeley will also be easier to reach with lines F and 64 ringing the campus with stops on Bancroft Way, Gayley Road and Hearst street.

Late-night revelers and workers will no longer be dependent on cars or taxis to reach their destinations. Seven routes will now operate hourly throughout the night with a timed connection at 14th Street and Broadway in downtown Oakland.

"For those who need public transit, 'owl' bus schedules truly are a vital service," said acting General Manager Rick Fernandez. "Transit on major thoroughfares is often the only means many have of getting to and from a job and a regular paycheck. That's why we at AC Transit are very excited about responding positively to the public demand for this service."

New night service will commence Sunday on the following lines, seven

days a week. Route 40 will operate from downtown Berkeley to San Leandro on Telegraph Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Bus 73 will ply San Pablo Avenue from Richmond to downtown Oakland. Line 82 will make its way from downtown Oakland to Hayward on East 14th street. Route 58 will connect downtown Oakland with Oakland Airport via MacArthur Boulevard. Route 51 will run between downtown Berkeley and Alameda. The 51 "owl" service will not operate on University Avenue. Passengers wishing to reach destinations west of Shattuck Avenue will have to avail themselves of the heel-toe express.

AC is also inaugurating two new lines — route 301 connecting the 82's terminal at Hayward BART with Fremont BART, and Transbay route A between the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco and Oakland Airport.

All "night owl" buses will operate once per hour. Transit officials have coordinated the schedules so all routes in both directions will meet each other at 14th and Broadway. The "timed transfer" enables Transbay and local passengers to switch to any route without an additional wait.

People keeping more regular hours will also see gain benefits. Twenty-five bus routes throughout the system will have weekday routes restored on weekends.

Many weekend routes were abridged in 1996 a year after congress eliminated federal funding for mass transit operating costs. AC Transit lost \$5 million in funding. State officials curtailed funding as well, forcing the district to abandon service to areas with few weekend passengers.

"Restoring full weekend service coverage will benefit those who don't live near the mainline bus routes serving major arterials," Fernandez said. "Residents of some neighborhoods have not had weekend bus service since the district had to reduce coverage three years ago for budget reasons. Restoration now gives these people access to jobs as well as commercial, entertainment, medical and recreational destinations on weekends and holidays."

In the Berkeley-Albany area, full weekend service is being restored on lines 6, 7, 9, 52, 65 and 67. Weekend schedules also will be restored on the F, which will run every 30 minutes until midnight. Passengers on the 9, 52L and 64 will have more frequent service.

Riders of line 64 will see a vast improvement with service doubled to 15-minute intervals. The route connects Oakland's Merritt College and Montclair District with Rockridge BART and downtown Berkeley. Transit District officials said the route should especially appeal to Cal students arriving in Rockridge as the bus travels on Telegraph Avenue saving 10 minutes over the 51 on congested College Avenue.

More commute-hour trips and expanded service schedules will be operated on various Bay Bridge bus routes — including Lines E, LC, and FS Express from Berkeley and Albany to San Francisco, and on Line Z, the reverse commute route serving Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville from San Francisco. Line Y, serving Emeryville will also be extended.

Officials with the agency said the service restoration and expansion is made possible by the Bay Area's thriving economy. As more homes covered by Proposition 13 are sold

in today's hot real estate market, property taxes are reassessed and more money reaches the district. The district also draws funding from a half-cent county sales tax measure and bridge tolls.

A 10-cent fare increase effective Oct. 1, which brought local fares to \$1.35, a full 35 percent higher than San Francisco's Muni also raised funds. Fare-box revenues cover 25 percent of operating costs for local service and 65 percent of the cost of transbay service. Some 230,000 people ride AC Transit buses daily. The district carries about 13,500 people in its transbay service a day, an increase of 500 passengers over last year.

"We are committed to these service improvements indefinitely," said Jaime Levin, a district official, saying passengers could see more improvements ahead, but only if the voting public is willing to go along. Levin warned that the 15-year county sales tax measure is nearing its sunset. If voters don't reauthorize the tax, called Measure B, the agency will have to eliminate all the service it is about to restore, and probably cut even further, he said.

Like all tax measures, Proposition 13 requires a two-thirds majority for passage. Last year's reauthorization attempt fell short. South and east county activists opposed the measure saying it did not provide enough funding for freeway projects.

North county environmentalists also opposed it arguing the measure gave too little to mass transit and too much for freeway construction. Officials are trying to cobble together a measure that will have broader appeal. It is unclear when the measure will again come before voters.

## EC gets passing grade on tobacco rules

School may have just opened this month, but a group of East Bay students has already issued a "report card" about the performance of cities in Contra Costa and how well they are protecting youth against the impact of the tobacco industry.

**TIGHT**—Tobacco Industry Gets Hammered by Teens—a youth mobilization project with hundreds of volunteers in Contra Costa County, is giving nine cities an A-plus for taking action to restrict youth access to tobacco and cut down on youth exposure to deceptive advertising.

They give three other cities an A for effort, since they have the ordinance on their agendas. Eight other cities get a lower grade for not doing their homework.

"We asked all of the cities in Contra Costa to pass the Tobacco-Free Youth Ordinance so we could start the new century tobacco-free," says Monica Cervantes, a coordinator for

TIGHT. "Some of them have done a great job but others are lagging."

The cities that have approved the ordinance, which requires tobacco products to be sold from locked cases and restricts outdoor tobacco advertising near schools and public parks, include Antioch, Danville, El Cerrito, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, as well as the county. Orinda, Lafayette and Brentwood are discussing it.

Cervantes says the TIGHT group, which is funded with Proposition 99 voter-mandated tobacco tax funds and sponsored by Contra Costa Health Services Tobacco Prevention Project, is working with youth in cities that haven't yet passed the ordinance to educate elected officials about the ordinance. Those cities are Clayton, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Moraga, San Pablo and Oakley.



## Poinsett planting

**ABOUT 15 NEIGHBORS**, including Belden Carlson, age 2-1/2 (front), got together last Saturday for a planting party in El Cerrito's Poinsett Park. Organized by the Friends of Poinsett Park, the volunteer work crew planted about 120 shrubs, bushes, plants and trees provided by the city to beautify the park. "This is the icing on the cake," said organizer Sande Allen, who lives near the park and was planting and hauling with her neighbors last weekend. She pointed out several of the species being planted by the volunteers, including Campanula under the trees, lavandula and irises.

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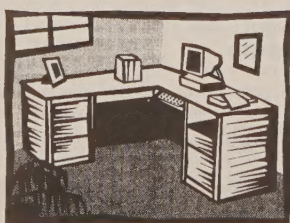
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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### Give and take as AUSD looks at long-term

By Chris Treadway

The long-awaited ground-breaking was finally held for the new Albany High School, as covered in last week's Journal. The project has been the object of considerable angst among students, parents and district officials, and the upper classes, who have spent their entire time at AHS in the cramped temporary space, will never enjoy what the new facility has to offer (there are reports that El Cerrito High School has had some transfer requests from Albany).

Of course nobody expected the transition to be a painless one, but AUSD leaders have kept their focus on the long-term goal: Providing a modern — and safe — campus for students. (And even in the transition, not everything has suffered. During a tour of the campus we took last school year, a science teacher raved about the modernized and more functional classroom her class now had compared to the antiquated facilities in the razed building.) With the new middle school open, the high school benefits from access to the middle school gymnasium just blocks away instead of cities away as it has been during the past two years.

That's the good news for the short-term. For the long-term there's good news as well.

While the state agreed to provide funding to rebuild the high school, it ultimately settled on somewhat less than the district had hoped for. That led to speculation (and published accounts) that the project would have to be scaled back. The good news? "We didn't take anything out of the (high school) project," said AUSD board member Marcia Skinner. The district has voter-approved bonds it has yet to issue, she said, and a portion of those will go to complete the high school as planned.

Of course there will be a cost. "Realistically, we'll get to the end of

## Around Town

By Chris Treadway

the pot and we won't do something" on the district's project list she said. Improvements to Cougar Field are a likely project to be sent back to the waiting list.

The district, meanwhile, isn't through with its ambitions. "We're going right back at the state for more money for modernizing of the Performing Arts Building," Skinner said. "We'd like to get about \$600,000 out of a different pocket." Given Albany's track record (both city and school district) at pursuing outside funding, why not? As Skinner said, "It's worth pursuing any avenue we can think of."

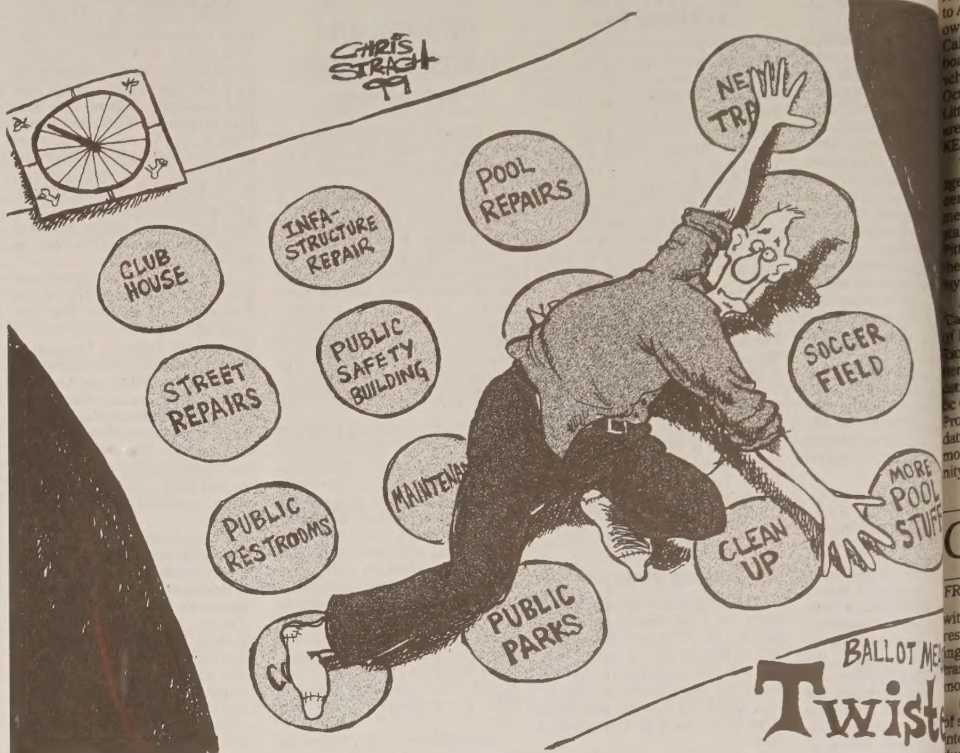
The subject of seeking state funding brings us to the Albany Police Department's pursuit of a Cops on Campus grant from the state. The APD is very adept, and should be commended for its ability to seek and gain state funding for projects, most notably the award-winning Chief Operator program for teen-age drivers. Kudos to the department for leveraging this program to national attention.

But the proposed grant, already approved by the state, to put an assigned officer on the AHS campus, seems out of place.

First, while Albany High isn't problem-free (and what public high school is?), if there is a crying need for a uniformed, armed officer at a high school, we could think of many districts far more in need than Albany, which is small, well-patrolled and receives assistance from patrols from Kensington, Berkeley, the UC police and El Cerrito.

Second, the city would have to pick up half of the cost for the position.

Given the small confines of the city and the high school, the position is hard to justify.



### The summer of my discontent

"I was sure I had uterine cancer this summer," Judy confided to me as we walked across the campus to the sports center for the president's dinner. She sounded embarrassed but didn't have to be.

"I thought I had throat cancer," I confessed.

Judy and I had met only 25 minutes before and already we were sharing our neurotic hypochondriacal fears. And why not? We were bound together by fate, an accident of birth — our daughters. Raised 2,000 miles apart, our first-borns were going to the same college and, because of their mutual tolerance for messiness, were going to be freshman roommates.

And at 7:30 p.m., Judy and I would be out of the jobs we held for the past 18 years.

We would still be mothers. We would always be mothers but the day-to-day, hands-on part was ending. Is it any wonder that we both thought we were dying?

I started worrying about Morgan leaving for college while she was still in utero.

"Maybe you're having twins," my husband said staring at my grossly distended belly. "Then we would have our two children at once and you wouldn't have to go through another pregnancy."

"Oh yes I would," I said. "I'm not having both my children leave for college at the same time."

And here it was the summer of my discontent. I was on the threshold of what I had started worrying about 19 years ago. And I was afraid that the anxiety was going to kill me.

I woke up anxious and spent the day worrying. Nothing escaped my concern. I worried about some catastrophe befalling one of the children or my husband. I worried about the dogs getting hit by a car and the cats getting feline leukemia. When my throat started getting tight and my voice hoarse, I worried about throat cancer.



RONNIE CAPLANE

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I worried about packing. I worried about unpacking. I worried about bringing too much or not enough. I worried about whether I should use UPS, Federal Express or the U.S. Postal Service. I worried that they didn't sell Morgan's Shampoo in Boston.

I worried because I couldn't remember what courses I took when I was a freshman.

Every night I went to bed exhausted but relieved because it meant eight worry-free hours.

When I had to send an e-mail to the freshman advisor, I spent 30 minutes trying to decide how to address her. By her first name? Last name? Job title? All of the above, and should I precede it with "dear"?

I finally decided to skip the salutation altogether and jump right into the message. Two hours later I had the finished product:

"I will not have a car when I bring my daughter to school. Are there stores that are within walking distance or accessible to public transportation where we can buy sheets, a waste basket and other items for her room?" I wrote.

As the day of our departure drew nearer, my worries became more focused. Would the airline lose our luggage? Would we get enough food on the plane? How would we get Morgan's four large, heavy suitcases from the baggage claim to the dorm? How would we find the dorm? Would there be places to eat?

When the day came, our luggage didn't get lost. There were people and signs that directed us to the dorm. The campus bookstore

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### More thoughts on pool and garage

Peter Loubal proposes that El Cerrito go into the parking/shuttle business for BART commuters to help fund a swimming complex. He says to "think outside the box." How about "thinking above and beneath the box?"

Build a new swimming pool center with a large parking garage on top of it! Parking fees to support the pool and a shuttle service to Plaza BART.

An indoor pool can have longer hours in any kind of weather, like Albany's. Homeward-bound commuters could take a swim before starting their commute. Who knows, the whole thing could be close to self-supporting.

Jeff Dutton  
El Cerrito

### UC-Berkeley research should be in public interest

I would like to respond to a Sept. 3 letter published in some of your papers, by Andy Jackson, a biotechnology professor at Berkeley. Jackson took issue with some comments attributed in two articles in your papers, concerning the strategic alliance between the university and biotech giant Novartis. Nothing Jackson mentioned in his letter invalidates the basic points about the agreement that I made to your reporters, as well to other media outlets in the Bay Area and nationally.

To wit:

■ The agreement gives a for-profit corporation an unprecedented and worrisome level of influence in a publically funded university.

■ It compromises the ability of a leading research institution to provide objective research results pertaining to the health and environmental issues associated with genetically modified foods, rapidly become one of the issues of our times. Good regulatory policy depends on unbiased research, which will be increasingly hard to find as more such agreements are signed, binding major institutions at the hip to private companies.

■ The non-disclosure clauses in the agreement significantly restrict the free flow of scientific information.

■ There are substantial reasons why the public is concerned about the health and environmental implications of genetically modified foods and crops. The same public — as the most important funder of the university via our tax dollars — has a right to expect that it engages in research that is clearly in the public interest.

Peter M. Rosset, Ph.D.  
executive director  
Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy

### Bring on the ferries

I want to be blunt. The Bay Area needs more Tom Eschers, the owner of Red & White Fleet who has started a Richmond to San Francisco ferry service, and less Steve Hemingers, the deputy director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission who is quoted that "we

don't need that many terminals and ferries."

Huh?

This is the same gang that wants to spend \$1.5 billion replacing the east span of the Bay Bridge and have even less rail capacity than the existing.

This is the same commission who thinks it's wiser to spend another \$1.5 billion extending BART to the San Francisco airport, rather than the \$500 million to extend the Peninsula's Caltrain to a downtown intermodal terminal including BART.

MTC has proven they can't lead. And with this back-stabbing of a vital new transportation link for the East Bay to West Bay, it shows they cannot follow. They need to get out of the way.

Where are the banners on Highway 80 proclaiming the new ferry service? Where were the press conferences? The ads in print and on BART?

This agency has proven it is incapable of helping the Bay Area with its 21st century transportation needs.

Bring on the ferries with their relaxed trips. And let's see some coordinated Express bus service from the ferry terminals to nodes in both the east and west bay.

All MTC seems to be advocating is more road rage. And we don't need more of that.

Leal Charonnat  
Oakland

### Save the community swimming pool

In a world with increased violence and destruction the swimming pool in our city, the baseball fields, soccer fields, the tennis courts, basketball and all the other sports and activities make the difference in our beautiful El Cerrito.

Our swimming pool in the El Cerrito Community Center is 37 years old. It cannot be repaired because the building codes have changed over the years. The pool has to be rebuilt. Can you imagine the smile on a child's face as they learn how to swim, have fun with their friends or compete in their first swim meet at the El Cerrito Swim Center? You cannot put a price on that. It is priceless happiness to see this joy in our children's eyes.

Let me ask you to imagine how a little girl felt in the year 2000. She walks by the El Cerrito Swim Center and looks inside the gate. The pool is emptied of water. No one is around. There is no more laughter, no more splashing of the water by the little children. No more happy sounds. It was a beautiful day and the pool was closed permanently. Tears came to the little girl's eyes. She said in a low voice, "Dear God, can't the grown-ups get together and fix the pool, I love to swim."

If we don't act now, this is exactly how thousands of children will feel in the year 2000. Please complete the questionnaire and mail it at once. All of us together can do anything we set our minds to! Please save our swimming pool in our beautiful community of El Cerrito.

Harry and Angela Saridis

### Snapp needs lesson in history

For the sake of the students, I hope Martin Snapp is never hired to teach history. His self-proclaimed "history lesson" ("Oakland Coli-

seum a failure as a political arena," Snapp reveals his serious shortcomings as a historian.

First, he mis-states facts. George Vukasin, the Coliseum Commission negotiated the deal of the Raiders, hired the architects, approved designs for the renovation of the stadium, created the concept of Personal Seat Licenses to cover debt payments.

Second, the Joint Powers Authority board, which I sit with Councilman Ignacio De La Haza, was created after the Coliseum Commission completed the Raiders transaction, to meet accountability requirements of the bond commission issuing the debt that financed stadium construction.

The authority was made necessary because the deal was dependent upon the approval of public entities involved, not the good name or reputations of the private citizens on the Coliseum Commission.

Apparently, the only sources Snapp consulted to compile his "history lesson" were campaign materials produced for my opponents in elections, and interviews conducted by journalists that he failed to attribute when lifted quotes verbatim from other publications.

To me that shows that he is the one who is not ready for the big leagues. Big league journalists and historians get their own quotes, independent research, assure the accuracy of their reporting, and consider their sources before regurgitating the assertions of the uninformed or malintentioned.

By the way, when Snapp was interviewed by George Vukasin during a televised radio game, I was headed out to the ballpark to the A's. If appreciating our sports teams — showing up at the ballpark — were half as appealing to some people as armchair punditry and grandstanding and quarterbacking seen be, all this struggling to hang on to the Oakland Athletics would be unnecessary.

And for the record, a desire to return the Raiders to Oakland and to run a sports franchise have never appeared on my personal or professional radar screen. Had Snapp been just in his historical research, he would have seen my widely published quote of 1994 describing those who sat at the table putting the Raiders together in the first place as appearing to be "suffering from testosterone poisoning."

Supervisor Mary Jo  
District 4, County of Alameda

### A's storytelling event not for a school day

(This letter was sent to the Oakland Athletics.) I am writing to react to an advertisement for a storytelling event you recently sponsored that featured T.J. Mathews and Michael Fischer. The event was in support of the

I commend your participation in this worthwhile cause. As a public school teacher, it is wonderful to have a positive role model demonstrated by athletes.

However, I am writing because I was surprised to see the event held on a school day during school hours. I am sure that many children who would have loved to attend but couldn't because they were in school.

I would hope they didn't miss school to attend your event. Please consider school attendance when you plan such great events in the future.

Margaret

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# Call to action on district debt back on board agenda

At press time, endorsement of the Alliance for Public Education's 'Call to Action' for reinvestment of the debt owed by the district to the State of California has been placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Richmond High School's Little Theater. School Board meetings are broadcast live over radio station KECG 88.1 and 97.7 FM.

The item was last on the board agenda on Sept. 22 and failed to garner majority approval with board members Ramsey and Easton abstaining and board member Harris not present in the room during the vote. Board members Fenton and myself voted in favor of endorsement.

A partial list of endorsers of the 'Call to Action' includes City Councils of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, and Richmond, Contra Costa Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, East Bay Education Network, El Cerrito Democratic Club, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, Kensington Education Foundation, League of Women Voters Richmond Branch, Learn ASAP, Opportunity West, Public Employees Union,

Local One, Richmond Association of School Administrators, Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council The Ed. Fund, United Teachers of Richmond CTA/NEA, and the West County Mayors and Supervisors Association.

The call asks that funds currently being sent to Sacramento for debt repayment be utilized instead for educational programs within the district. Speaking of the debt, I guess it is just about time to start a contest for the best letter to Governor Davis regarding this issue. One of my favorites so far is the following by David Brown, reprinted here with his permission.

PS: Have you written your letter to Gov. Gray Davis? His address is: Governor Gray Davis, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814

## Debt forgiveness begins at home

**Re: An Open Letter to Governor Davis**

Dear Governor Davis:  
I read with great interest an article in the West County Times re-

garding President Clinton's pledge to forgive all debts owed to the U.S. by impoverished countries, and his challenge to other rich nations to be equally generous.

Clinton said: "I do not think we can say in good conscience that we support the idea that (poor countries) should choose between making interest payments and investing in their children's education." Clinton seeks \$1 billion to fund this debt relief.

I am amazed that on the eve of the last year of the millennium, our leaders can propose such broad, sweeping debt relief abroad, and yet we here in the West Contra Costa Unified School District must suffer the choice — "between making interest payments and investing in [our] children's future."

California has enjoyed astounding financial growth in the last year — the Legislature fights to figure out how to spend all the money. Perhaps your political, moral and ethical leadership can be brought to bear and we can accomplish at home what President Clinton seeks to accomplish abroad.

Debt forgiveness for the WCCUSD is an investment in the future of this region. The time, and the opportunity, is now, and your leadership is critical. Please give this matter every consideration.

Yours very truly, DAVID A. BROWN

## School Board candidates' forums

The election for the WCCUSD

## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

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## POLITICAL NOTES

Absentee ballots are now available to residents registered to vote in the Nov. 2 election.

Citizens who will be unable to make it to the polls can get the absentee ballots from their county registrar of voters until Oct. 26.

Requests must be made in writing or in person.

Written requests may be made by letter or postcard, or by filling out the application on the back of the sample ballot sent to all registered voters.

In order for these absent voices to be heard, ballots must be delivered to registrars' offices by the close of polls on election day.

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County registrar is (925) 646-4166

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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

### Albany PTA Council

■ Oct. 9, High School Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m. - noon, Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., El Cerrito.

■ Oct. 18, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ Oct. 23-31, California State PTA Red Ribbon Week for a safe and drug-free America. **Reminder: Send in PTA memberships and support your PTA!**

### Attention: scrip buyers

As of Nov. 1, Safeway will no longer sell paper scrip.

PTA will be converting to electronic scrip for Safeway and Andronico's; we will still sell paper scrip for Luckys and Natural Grocery.

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■ Oct. 7, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ Oct. 11, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Main Office

■ Oct. 19, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 40

■ Oct. 20, College Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater

■ Oct. 25-29, Homecoming Week

### Albany Middle School

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■ Oct. 7, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

### Cornell Elementary School

■ Safeway, Lucky, Andronico's, Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl **SCRIP** for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ October 13, Site Council Meeting

■ October 20, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Marin Elementary School

■ **SCRIP** for sale Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times, and Wednesday after school. Orders can be placed in office at any time.

■ Oct. 14, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

### Ocean View Elementary School

■ **SCRIP** for sale Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before school on playground. Ask for Kim Denton.

■ Oct. 7, PTA Budget Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ Oct. 16, Walkathon Fundraiser, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Ocean View Playground

### AUSD Board of Education

■ Oct. 12, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: [kayweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:kayweinstein@yahoo.com)

## Crime

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with their activity. He was also arrested for obstructing and threatening an officer. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley jail to be moved to the Santa Rita jail.

■ Officers responded to reports of several cars that had been broken into on the 500 block of Pierce Street during the night of October 2 and the morning of October 3. There were no witnesses.

## Ronnie

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old Morgan's brand of shampoo and there was a restaurant right on campus. My worrying paid off.

On the flight home I cried from Massachusetts to Illinois, but somewhere over Kansas I stopped and my throat started to loosen up.

When I got home, the door to Morgan's room was open. I took a deep breath and walked in. It looked just like it did the last time

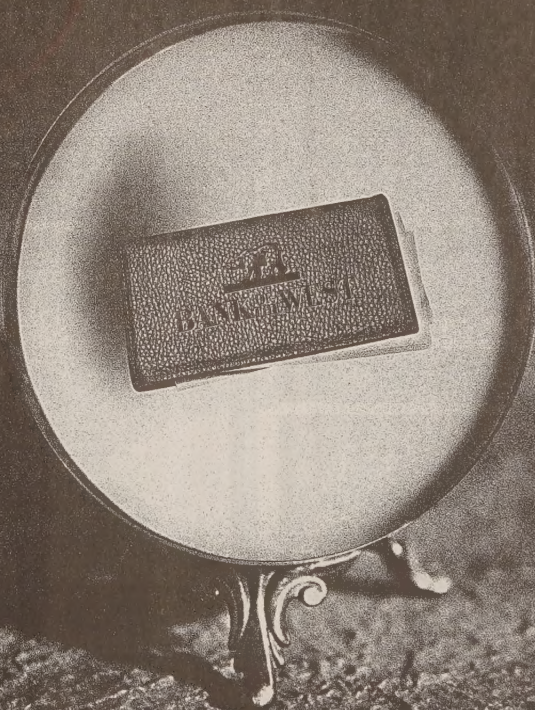
During the week of Sept. 26 Albany officers towed four cars, responded to nine false alarms, attended to five lost or deceased animals, assisted nine people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to nine reports of barking dogs. (Four of the reports were for one dog.). In the domestic arena officers responded to 19 reports of civil disturbances and 86 Civil Assists. Albany officers stopped 62 vehicles issuing 29 citations and 33 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 10 medical emergencies.

she slept in it; the Evita poster was still on the wall, photos were still on the desk and bookshelves. There was even a pile of dirty clothes, books and toiletries on the floor. That annoyed me, which felt very good.

It also felt good knowing that I had gotten Morgan to college with most of the things she needed, and was still alive.

For the first time in weeks, I didn't feel like I was going to die of anxiety or throat cancer. There was going to be a rest of my life. And I immediately started making plans for tomorrow.

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## Saturday Fiesta promises shopper's paradise

With several craftspeople, businesses and area organizations scheduled to exhibit their wares at the fourth Annual El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce October Fiesta this Saturday, those wishing to start their Christmas shopping early will find plenty to see and buy.

Open to the public free of charge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., this year's celebration will be staged in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza.

The fiesta is being held in conjunction with this weekend's city-wide Fall Roundup Sale Days, organized by the Chamber of Commerce to promote trade in El Cerrito.

Those attending the fiesta will have the opportunity to select from a large number of unique craft items, including clothing, artwork, jewelry, beads and a variety of unusual import items.

The largest contingent of crafters to appear at the 1999 fiesta will be a group from the El Sobrante Art Guild, who will set up shop in the former Miller's Outpost store at 740 El Cerrito Plaza.

Another special feature of this year's celebration will be the show and sale of prints, watercolors, oils, lithographs and oriental pieces staged by H.L. Smith Collectibles and Antiques, who will also show a collection of French and American Country antiques.

There will also be plenty of things to interest the non-shoppers too. Several area organizations and service groups will be on hand to promote the work of their organizations. In addition, food, snacks and free live entertainment will be available throughout the day.

While parents are busy bargain hunting, there will be plenty for the youngsters to do. Zip the Clown will be on hand to entertain the children and, for a nominal fee, will ride them around the plaza on his miniature train. There will also be a "jumping booth" and face painting for the

young set.

On the eve of tomorrow's fiesta two more firms announced their support for the event. The Mechanics Bank and the El Cerrito Plaza Company joined Tradeway Stores, Sunset View Cemetery Association, Seidel Enterprises, Windrush School, Honda of El Cerrito and Olivero Plumbing as financial backers of the fiesta.

Joining the Chamber of Commerce in co-sponsoring the event are the Contra Costa Newspaper Group (West County Times/Journal), Lucky Stores, PetVet/Petfood, Mail Boxes Etc. and the East Bay Sanitary Company.

Heading the committee in charge of planning the '99 fiesta is Janet Jolley. Assisting her are chamber President Bill Kerber, chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick, June Boblitt, Larry Sanchez, Wil Chun and Bob Winslow.

### Mystery Man Weaver is honored

The "mystery man" El Cerrito Chamber President Bill Kerber planned to honor at the organization's September business luncheon turned out to be none other than longtime secretary/treasurer Charlie Weaver.

Declaring Weaver to be "a leader who, over the years, has helped to make the chamber an effective spokesman for the interests of the business community," Kerber presented the local accountant with a plaque commending him for "outstanding service to the Chamber of Commerce and the community of El Cerrito."

Weaver a certified public accountant, began a 15 1/2 year business career here after purchasing Ed Donahue's practice in 1984.

Serving as treasurer of the chamber the past 14 1/2 years, for the last three years he has been both treasurer and secretary.

### El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

In lauding Weaver as "one who has contributed substantially to the work of our organization without concern for praise or recognition," the head of the chamber pointed out that he did a lot more than just keep the group's books.

"Charlie and his very kind and helpful staff," Kerber said "have kept us supplied with financial statements, have handled our taxes and have worked up mailing labels and membership rosters when needed."

In addition to serving on the chambers board of directors for years, Weaver now represents the business group on the new Chamber/City Council Economic Development Task Force.

A Rotarian since 1983, he was president of that El Cerrito service club in 1988-89. He also served the school district for several years as a member of the advisory committee to the Regional Occupational Program.

Weaver and his wife, Janet, who share a June 2 birthday, have lived for many years in Montclair with daughter Mary, 21, and son Daniel, 16.

In addition to spending time at his home at Donner Lake, Weaver enjoys A's games, Cal sports, the Raiders and get-away time when tax season ends.

### Moeser Square joins chamber

Moeser Square Partners, new owners of the former Jay Vee Center on San Pablo Avenue, have become the newest members of the El Cerrito Chamber. Representing the real estate owner/management firm will be Linda Restel.

### Economic group hard at work



"We've made a very good start and are well on our way to working out a blueprint for a development program based on sound economic principles," Chamber of Commerce Bill Kerber reported this week.

Kerber, four other chamber members and two chamber alternates serve with five City Council representatives and five council alternates on a newly-formed task force which has been meeting weekly to work out an action plan for creating an El Cerrito Economic Development Program.

At the meeting on Sept. 23 the task force formed three teams, each of which will study one of the elements expected to be part of the proposed program.

Three chamber members on the task force and one chamber alternate, including Charles Weaver, Jack

Freethy and Sil Addiego along with Sewall Glinternick, will study the business attraction element along with City Council alternate Joe Grossman.

Looking into business retention will be the chamber's Bill Kerber and Bill Morrow, along with chamber alternate Marge Collins. Also included in this group are City Council representatives Brad Cattel and Raymond Miles.

Studying the question of physical improvements will be city representatives Lori Dare and Dale Powers, along with city alternate Lamar Turner.

As yet unassigned to any group are chamber members Don Pryde, Mark Figone and Dean Flint, as well as alternate Glen Price.

The task force has been charged with the responsibility of developing

a strategic blueprint and action plan for creating and Economic Development Program, for creating a periodically evaluate the program, and to make recommendations on how the plan should be staffed.

The tentative schedule of the task force to make a major report to the City Council in November. Adoption of the program plan by the council is to come no later than Dec. 1.

### Author here tomorrow

Best-selling author Tsukiyama will be at Waldbaum's in El Cerrito Plaza on Saturday, 9, at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "The Language of the

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## Civic Theatre season opens Oct. 15

Contra Costa Civic Theatre launches its 40th season on Oct. 15 with "Mere Mortals: An Evening of Six One-Act Comedies" by David Ives.

Michael Ray Wisely and Wendy Wisely will direct.

"We look upon this anniversary season as a celebration of our past and our future by presenting some of the best shows American theater has to offer," says Louis Flynn, CCCT's artistic director.

"Mere Mortals" will run Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 20, with Sunday matinee performances on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7.

For the first show in 2000, CCCT presents "Harvey," which was staged in 1960 as part of its first season and restaged in three subsequent seasons. The play is about the power of imagination, and the importance of

friendship and family ties. Directed by Elaine M. Jannell, "Harvey" runs from Jan. 21 to Feb. 26, with Sunday matinees Feb. 6 and 13.

CCCT's spring musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," is particularly timely, with its dual themes of tradition and change. Directed by Michael Manley, it runs April 14 through May 27.

Finally, the theater will introduce its summer musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," which will be directed by Dennis W. Gleason. The show runs July 7 through Aug. 12.

Season tickets for all four shows are \$40 (20 percent off the regular price of admission). Subscriptions for children under 16 are \$24.

For more information call 524-9132 or write: CCCT Season Tickets, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, 94530.

## Contra Costa library tax on 2000 ballot

By Larry Spears

MARTINEZ — For the fourth time in seven years, Contra Costa voters are going to be asked to approve special funding for the county's financially strapped libraries.

County supervisors last week unanimously voted to put a 1/8-cent sales tax increase proposal on the November 2000 ballot. The measure would add \$1.25 in sales tax for every \$1,000 spent by consumers. It is similar to the one that narrowly missed the necessary two-thirds vote in 1997. The new measure would expire in eight years, half the life of the previous proposal.

A 1/8-cent increase would raise \$10.3 million yearly to keep all libraries open 48 hours weekly, guarantee an increased budget for books and materials, and add computers and other technology.

The election will cost the county \$10,000 to \$100,000, depending on how many other measures are on the ballot.

Mayors of the county's 19 cities support the measure, and political leaders Tuesday said they were assembling a grassroots effort to win a two-thirds backing from voters.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, which fought the 1997 proposal, hasn't taken a position on the new one.

"It's a little premature," said John Wolfe, association executive vice president.

But members of his group have warned supervisors that another try won't go unopposed.

San Ramon resident Ernie Scherer, who said he spoke only for himself, promised to spoil the library campaign if supervisors didn't study whether his city would be better off outside the county library system.

"Our area is being ripped off," Scherer said at Tuesday's meeting. When San Ramon Valley taxpayers learned how unfairly the library system treated them, he said, they would turn against a tax increase.

"The issue is local control," he

said. "Cities should be allowed to take over their own libraries. San Ramon councils would be more responsive to us."

Scherer said that San Ramon and Danville taxpayers, schools and city councils contribute \$2.7 million for library service, and the county spends \$1.1 million on their branch.

Scherer was criticized during the meeting and after.

"I am happy to report ... that the San Ramon Valley is not full of selfish, small-minded and irresponsible people who would deny literacy to the community," said Supervisor Donna Gerber, the southern county representative.

"Your figures are wrong," said Lafayette City Councilwoman Anne Grodin. "The school money is for curriculum. You can't count that."

Grodin said that the five county regions would control how their tax share is spent under the library tax measure. After basic services are guaranteed, regions would receive money according to a formula based one-half on

population and one-half on library circulation the previous year.

The Contra Costa Mayors Conference thoroughly studied the issue of countywide versus local libraries four years ago, she said.

A study done for the mayors showed that a city library can buy less for its dollar than a countywide system, said Orinda Councilwoman Amy Worth.

Former San Ramon Mayor Pat Boom, interviewed later, said the city had studied the advantages of operating its own library two or three times. It concluded that a countywide branch offers more efficiency and service, she said.

"Operating a separate library is very expensive," she said.

No one denied that San Ramon pays a larger share for its service than some other areas. The county needed to serve all its residents, particularly seniors and children, Gerber said.

"There aren't enough gates to put around your community," she said. "You have to reach out."

## Briefs

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passed." He said that as of Oct. 1, five of the last seven days were "red flag days." Scott explained that red flag days are declared by the National Weather Service "when wind, temperature and humidity conditions indicate that fire behavior would be extreme."

"Our assessment of the (Hillside Natural Area) is that fire danger is very high but not extreme," Scott said in his report to the City Council and city manager.

Scott said El Cerrito usually experiences between six and 20 red flag days each year, with the most hazardous ones typically occurring after Sept. 1.

When the red flags go up, the Fire Department monitors local conditions in the Hillside Natural Area and along the East Bay Regional Park areas. Patrols are increased along the Hillside Natural Area's canyon rim and the natural area will be closed when "extremely hazardous" fire conditions exist, Scott reported.

Red flag pennants are flown on fire station flag poles on red flag days and firefighter training, drills and inspection activities out of district may be canceled, Scott said.

In a related item, the week of Oct. 3-9 was proclaimed Fire Prevention Week in El Cerrito at Monday's City Council meeting. "I call upon the people of the city of El Cerrito to partici-

pate in fire prevention activities at home, work and at school," said Mayor Gina Brusatori in the proclamation.

### Mixed paper

After hearing a presentation by the city's Integrated Waste Services Manager Becky Dowdakin, the City Council this week voted 4-1 to begin curbside mixed paper collection in September 2000. Councilman Mark Friedman wanted the service to start sooner and voted against the motion.

Other dates — November 1999, January 2000 and April 2000 — were considered but each had problems.

"Perhaps the most significant impact of adding mixed paper collection to the residential curbside program will be upon convenience for program participants," Dowdakin told the council.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests that El Cerrito has many householders committed to the recycling program who find mixed paper to be one of the largest components of their recycling," she said.

Although El Cerrito residents will have to wait until next September to get curbside mixed paper collection, Dowdakin noted that the approved start-up date would eliminate extra processing costs, "allow a single complete and more cost-effective public information campaign," and be coordinated with completion of recycling center renovations and installation of new equipment.

"I think that waiting until next September is too long," Friedman said before the vote.

## Chamber

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Set in war-torn Hong Kong, this new book continues the unforgettable story of the young woman Pei, which began in "Women of the Silk."

Tsukiyama is also the author of "The Samurai's Garden" and "The Night of Many Dreams."

### Entertainment books available

Year 2000 Entertainment Books are now available at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office, 10948 San Pablo Ave.

The books sell for \$40 each, with the profit going to a operations fund.

### Damon to address chamber

Reservations are now being taken for the next El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce business luncheon on

Monday, Oct. 25 at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern.

Featured speaker at this noon event will be local City Councilman Larry Damon. Damon, who is also a member of the business organization, will talk on "City Hall Finances."

Reservations may be made by telephoning the chamber office at 233-7040.

### Volunteer readers sought

The El Cerrito Chamber has been asked to assist in recruiting local adults interested in reading to West County students an hour each week.

Each Read-Aloud volunteer will be assigned the task for reading to one child in kindergarten through second grade for a half hour twice a week.

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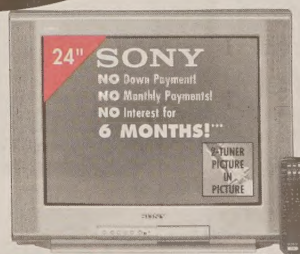
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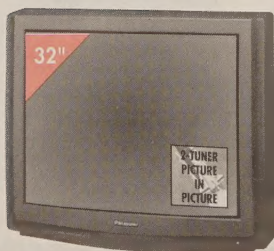
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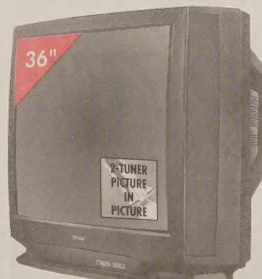
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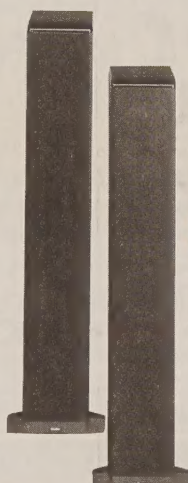


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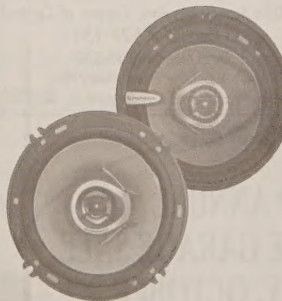


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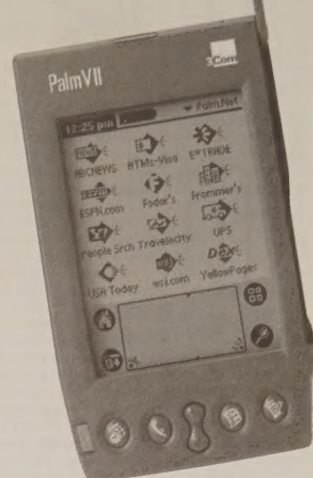


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# The 1949 loyalty oath and Charles Muscatine

Let me introduce you to a brave man.

His name is Charles Muscatine. Fifty years ago he was a 28-year-old assistant professor of English at Cal.

On March 25, 1949, the Regents of the University of California ordered every professor to sign a "loyalty oath" swearing that they weren't communists. If they didn't, they'd lose their jobs.

Not only their jobs, their careers. This was the high tide of the McCarthy terror, when nobody was about to risk his own job by hiring someone who had run afoul of the witch hunters.

Muscatine wasn't a communist, of course. He couldn't care less about politics, either left wing, right wing or middle of the road. All he cared about was turning students on to Chaucer.

Nevertheless, even though he could ill afford to lose his livelihood — his wife was pregnant at the time — he refused to sign. And he was fired.

So were some of the most luminous lights in the faculty, world-famous scholars like psychology professor Edward Tolman (the man whom Tolman Hall is named after), medieval historian Ernst Kantorowicz, and the great classicist Ludwig Edelstein.

The non-signers also included many who would become famous later, including an obscure assistant professor of physics at UCLA named David Saxon, who in 1975 would become the 16th President of the University of California. All told, 31 professors lost their jobs for refusing to sign.

But opposition to the oath wasn't confined to the non-signers. Many who did sign did it only because they had mortgage payments and kids in school. Often, they were under intense pressure from their families or their department chairmen to sign. But they hated doing it.

"There were heart-rending cases of people who held out almost to the very end, only to crack under the pressure at the last moment," says Muscatine. "They were victims just as much as anyone who refused to sign."

The Regents wanted to drive a wedge between the signers and the non-signers. But instead, the two groups drew ever closer as the dispute wore on. The entire Academic Senate, signers and non-signers alike, consistently thumbed their noses at the Regents with resolution after resolution condemning the loyalty oath.

"The signers also reached into their own pockets and raised more than \$100,000, which was real dough in those days, to help us pay our bills," says Muscatine. "Essentially, they supported us during that whole year when we were out of work, suing the university."

The fired professors also got much-needed moral support from St. Albert's College, run by a community of Dominican friars whose monastery, nestled right behind the Rockridge BART station, thrives to this day.

"One of the most touching and supportive acts of any of our friends was being invited to St. Albert's to give lectures in our academic specialties," says Muscatine, his voice still breaking with emotion at the memory, even after all these years. "It reaffirmed our membership in the scholarly and intellectual world."

They also helped support each other. "With so much political distractions going on around us, some of the older professors started conducting seminars for the younger ones, so we'd be able to keep our minds on intellectual matters," says Muscatine. "I can still remember the seminar that Ludwig Edelstein, the great classicist from Heidelberg, held on Plato."

Muscatine spent a whole year out of a job, which he spent doing a lot of woodwork on the Berkeley Hills house he and his wife still live in. (By the way, she always backed him up 100 percent, "something that wasn't always true, I regret to say, for all my colleagues," he says.)

Then he spent two years teaching at Wesleyan University in Massachusetts while the case wound its way through the courts. A young, up-and-coming lawyer named Stanley Weigel was representing the fired professors in a lawsuit to get their jobs back. This was no small act of courage on his part, because in those days it was assumed to be professional suicide for a lawyer to represent such controversial clients.



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Fortunately, Weigel was as good as he was brave. On April 6, 1951, the District Court of Appeal, in the landmark case of Tolman vs. Underhill, ruled that the loyalty oath was unconstitutional. The university was ordered to give the fired professors their jobs back.

Epilogue: Charles Muscatine returned to Cal and became one of the world's leading authorities on medieval literature, as well as a beloved teacher who inspired generations of students to fall in love with "The Canterbury Tales."

The university itself felt the effects of the loyalty oath battle for many years. Many irreplaceable scholars left in disgust. Other great scholars, who might have been great additions to the faculty, refused to come.

The Academic Senate, having learned how to flex its muscles during the dispute, never went back to being a polite debating society. It became a powerful force in academic politics — as the university administration was to learn to its dismay 15 years later, during the Free Speech Movement.

A symposium will be held Friday, Oct. 8, at Cal to commemorate the loyalty oath battle. It'll be in Booth Auditorium on Boalt Hall, starting at 1 p.m. Professor Muscatine will be there. So will other non-signers, including former UC president David Saxon and historian Gordon Griffiths (whose resistance to the oath must have been particularly difficult; his father, Farnham Griffiths, was one of the Regents).

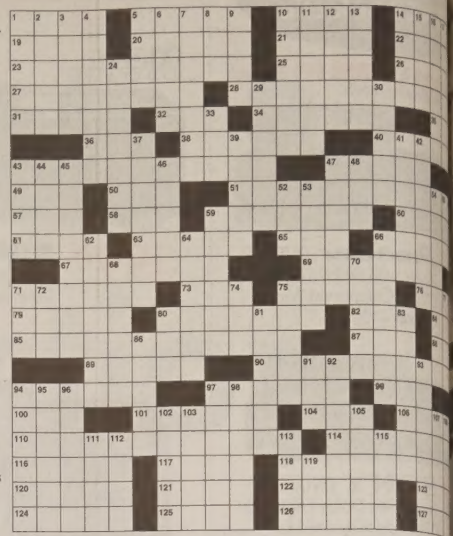
Two other UC presidents — David Gardner, who wrote a book about the controversy titled "The California Oath Controversy," and Clark Kerr, who was president during the Free Speech Movement — will also attend, along with two professors who were forced to sign the oath but who were active in opposing it: Howard Bern (integrative biology) and Howard Schachman (molecular and cell biology).

Unfortunately, one key principal won't be present: their victorious attorney, Stanley Weigel. After winning the case, Weigel went on to become

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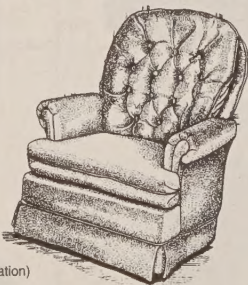
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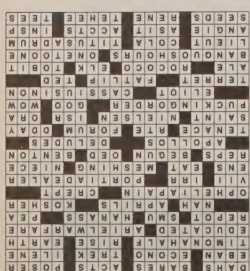
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## Answers







**THE 1906 EARTHQUAKE:** Arnold Genthe, one of San Francisco's most famous photographers, captured the fire advancing through the city after the earthquake April 18, 1906. This photo looks down Sacramento Street toward the Bay.

# Bay Area's century



**THE BAY BRIDGE:** The San Francisco-Oakland span opened Nov. 12, 1936. It took 43 months and \$78 million to build, and 24 lives were lost during its construction.



**4 LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE:** The Cypress structure of Interstate 880 through west Oakland collapses, and a frenzied effort began to rescue possible survivors.

## Readers Poll declares the biggest events during the past 100 years

By Vera H-C Chan

**F**IRES AND earthquakes, bridges and BART — natural disasters and transportation developments were among the dominant events in the Bay Area during the past 100 years, according to readers who responded to a readers poll.

They were asked to select 10 of the most significant events and trends during the 20th century and add write-in votes. Hundreds of responses came by mail, fax, e-mail and postings on our Web site. There are the top 10 choices with the number of votes each received from readers of the Montclair, Berkeley Voice, Piedmonter, Alameda Journal and the Journal, which serves Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington. The write-in votes are on Page C7.

**1. Earthquake and fire destroy much of San Francisco in 1906.** (239 votes)

A 40-second foreshock came at 5:12 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, followed shortly by another 45- to 60-second shock. Estimated to be about 7.7 and 8.3, respectively, on the Richter scale, the earthquake led to

a series of fires. Dying winds and rain finally extinguished the three-day blaze, which left two-thirds of the city, or 2,593 acres in ashes, 250,000 homeless and 674 dead or missing.

**2. The Bay Bridge links the East Bay with San Francisco in 1936,** curtailing the Bay's network of ferries. (199)

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened two months ahead of schedule Nov. 12, 1936. The 8¼-mile span took 43 months, 24 lives and \$78 million to build. While no longer the longest bridge in the nation, it is the busiest.

**3. Golden Gate Bridge opens Marin County to development,** 1937. (172)

It followed the Bay Bridge by just six months. To build the south pier, builders worked underwater in a massive concrete ring, which the workers dubbed "the giant bathtub." Engineer Joseph Strauss also strung up a safety net that caught 21 workers who otherwise would have fallen to their deaths.

**4. Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 collapses Cypress freeway structure in Oakland, damages and shuts down Bay Bridge and causes widespread damage.** (145)

It lasted 20 seconds Oct. 17, but the Richter magnitude 7.1 earthquake's aftershocks continued to shake the politics and geography of the region. Buildings crumpled, roads jackknifed and more than 60

people died, but it was the image of the workhorse Bay Bridge's collapsed roadbed that reminded residents of their vulnerability. Freeways took years to be rebuilt, but West Oakland residents took this opportunity to open up their skies, which had been under the heavy shadow of the Cypress section of Interstate 880.

**5. Silicon Valley leads the nation's high-tech development.** (114, tie)

The Santa Clara region was once dubbed the Valley of Heart's Delight for its agricultural bounty, a far cry from its current moniker of Silicon Valley. The Palo Alto garage where William Hewlett and David Packard developed their audio oscillator in 1938 has been considered the area's technological birthplace. The area added 200,000 residents from 1992 to 1998, and its effects have revolutionized how the world computes and communicates.

**5. BART trains cross San Francisco Bay, link East Bay, San Francisco, Peninsula.** (114, tie)

Construction formally began at the 4.4-mile Diablo Test Track between Concord and Walnut Creek. President Lyndon Johnson presided over the June 19, 1964, ceremonies. The Oakland subway construction began 18 months later, followed by tunnel bores through the Berkeley hills and under Market Street in San Francisco. The Transbay Tube structure, going as far as 135 feet beneath



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the surface, was completed in August 1969.

**7. Oakland hills fire destroys 3,400 homes and kills 25 people in 1991. (112)**

The year 1991 ironically had the fewest acres burned in California in almost 50 years, yet the death rate from the hills fire matched the one from the 1933 Los Angeles wildfire. The disaster brought attention to many issues, from home safety, fire-fighting practices and insurance to environmentalism, including urban encroachment into wilderness areas and plantings of non-native species such as eucalyptus trees.

**8. United Nations formed in San Francisco. (100)**

Although permanently based in New York City, the United Nations was established in the Bay Area on June 26, 1945. Created to maintain international peace and security, the U.N. had its charter ratified by the U.S. Senate six weeks later.

**9. AIDS takes a heavy toll in San Francisco in the 1970s and 1980s, but health workers and volunteers set up model prevention and treatment system. (95)**

The disease was first identified in the United States in 1981, with HIV independently identified by French and American researchers two to three years later. Groups such as ACT-UP lobbied for research attention and funding. Medical breakthroughs have decreased the death rate in America, although worldwide it is becoming one of the top five causes of death.

**10. Richmond becomes a major shipbuilding center during World War II, and wartime industries boom throughout the East Bay. (85)**

Men and women, many from the South, came to the four Kaiser shipyards to help with the Allied effort and improve their standard of living. Richmond went from a town of 20,000 to a city of 100,000 during the war, and nearly 15,000 new units of wartime housing were built. Workers built 747 Liberty and Victory cargo ships, some of which also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Here are the remaining results of the Times' reader poll. Events are listed in order, followed by the number of votes.

**11. Hippies in San Francisco and Berkeley, with San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district as the nexus. (83)**

**12. Caldecott Tunnel opens in 1937, encouraging residential construction in Contra Costa County. (82)**

**13. Japanese-Americans ordered out of Bay Area to internment camps during World War II. (74)**

**14. Free speech movement at UC-Berkeley leads to student demonstrations, 1960s. (69)**

**15. Latino and Asian immigration, following the influx of new residents during the Depression and World War II, transforms much of the Bay Area. (67)**

**16. San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk are shot to death at City Hall by former supervisor Dan White, 1978. (65)**

**17. Explosion at naval ammunition base at Port Chicago kills 320 men, 1944. (64)**

**18. Professional sports comes to the West Coast as the San Francisco 49ers begin play in the All-America Football Conference in 1946. The 49ers join the National Football League in 1950, winning five Super Bowls in the 1980s and '90s. (56)**

**19. Lawrence Berkeley and Livermore labs become centers of nuclear and defense development. (55)**

**20. Freeway system connects Contra Costa and Alameda counties to the wider Bay Area, 1950s and 1960s. (53)**

**21. Vietnam War protesters make Bay Area a center of the anti-war movement. (50)**

**22. Patty Hearst kidnapped from Berkeley apartment by Symbionese Liberation Army, 1974. (46)**

**23. Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915 celebrates the opening of the Panama Canal and San Francisco's reconstruction after the 1906 earthquake. (41)**

**24. Black Panthers organize, focusing attention on the black empowerment movement in the East Bay, 1960s and 1970s. (38)**

**25. Bridges speed traffic between Contra Costa and Solano counties: Carquinez Bridge in 1927, Benicia bridge in 1962. (37)**

**26. Giants, A's bring major league baseball to the Bay Area. (33)**

**27. (tie) "The Summer of Love," 1967. (29)**

**27. (tie) The Rev. Jim Jones and more than 900 followers die in Jonestown, Guyana, 1978. (29)**

**29. Standard Oil opens oil refinery in Richmond, Shell in Martinez. (27)**

**30. The Concord Pavilion opens in 1975, bringing world-class entertainment and thousands of spectators to Contra Costa County. (16)**

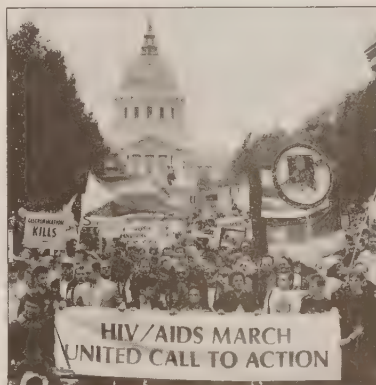
**31. American Indians occupy Alcatraz, 1969. (15)**

**32. Oakland School Superintendent Marcus Foster shot to death by Symbionese Liberation Army, 1973. (12)**

**33. The Oakland Raiders begin**



**3. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE:** During opening-day ceremonies in 1937, military planes flew between the spans of the bridge.



**9. AIDS:** Thousands of protesters march from San Francisco's City Hall toward Market Street in 1990, urging government agencies to increase funding for AIDS research and treatment.



**8. UNITED NATIONS:** President Harry Truman addresses one of the final planning sessions for the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945, the day before the U.N. charter was signed.



**5. SILICON VALLEY:** High-tech industries, including Santa Clara's Intel, moved into the San Jose area dubbed Silicon Valley. The area added 200,000 residents from 1992 to 1998.



**7. OAKLAND HILLS FIRE:** The fast-moving fire in some Oakland neighborhoods into a collection of hills, in this photo, the fire still burns in the distance.

## Poll inspires readers to recall major events

What were the century's events like to those who lived them? Read on

By Vera H-C Chan

A number of readers who responded to the Bay Area Century poll took advantage of the write-in portion to recall other significant events during their lifetimes.

Some were personal episodes, such as a wedding or the birth of children. Others highlighted the literary traditions and the Arts and Crafts movement that sprang from this area's rich aesthetic heritage.

John Cochrane of Walnut Creek wrote about the "wonderful, happy community events" in which Bay Area residents would get together to celebrate and help one another.

In a telephone interview, Cochrane recalled that when he was 6 years old, he was enthralled by the spectacular fireworks celebrating California's 75th year of statehood. His Irish-born mother, who had been adopted by her mother's first cousin,

wanted to attend on guardian — a '49er — money with a chain of in the Mother Lode

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"He had been in San Francisco when the ship came in," Cochrane said. The statehood had been an umbrella of one of O'Crosby. At a time of risings, it was thought the document with a noxious passenger

Another gathering tended was the 1937 Party. "I was 19 at the time," Cochrane says. San Francisco had opened up exchange, temples and to raise funds for the Japanese invasion.

"Everybody had a time," Cochrane says. He already was far from town, even visiting

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**BART:** The Transbay Tube, which goes as far as 135 feet beneath the surface, was completed in August 1969.



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**10. RICHMOND SHIPYARDS:** A vessel is launched at Kaiser's Shipyard No. 2 during World War II.



# More die in flu epidemic than in WWI

AS OCTOBER 1918. The flu of World War I was in the Grim Reaper's hands. But the Grim Reaper added a weapon to his arsenal: the Spanish flu.

Bay Area residents were hit hard by the Spanish flu as it swept across the sea. But American soldiers overseas were hit even harder, and the wounded were shocked to begin to come home with this side of the flu.

to control the spread of the disease, the government suspended the draft for a few weeks. In 1918, the draft was started again. Government officials said the epidemic had run its course. It was the worst yet to come. In the next few months, 100,000 Americans would get the flu, and 550,000 would die. The flu would turn out to be the most disastrous epidemic of the 20th century.

During the first weeks of October 1918, local officials began to cancel public gatherings. A parade in Richmond to celebrate "Liberty Day" was called off on Oct. 10. The next day, all public gatherings including church services were canceled. On Oct. 16, Richmond city health officer Dr. C.R. Blake—who also held the position of county health officer—closed the schools, pool rooms and bowling alleys "until further notice." There were 200 cases in the city of Richmond. Schools would not reopen until Jan. 20, 1919.

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in ice-cream parlors and saloons were also ordered enforced to the letter," reported the Independent, a Richmond newspaper. In the same edition it reported the death from the flu of Emma Lane, the wife of the mayor of Richmond.

"The entire state is practically all closed up," the paper reported. In Martinez, the Shell Oil Company converted its old mess house near its south gate into a hospital for influenza cases among its employees.

The Gazette reported, "Eleven new cases developed Monday morning, but with the strenuous efforts being made by the Shell Company to stamp out the epidemic among its men, more help is needed at the hospital in caring for the sick."

"Every employee, ill from any cause must present a doctor's certificate of his complete return to health before he is admitted inside the refinery gates."

Cities all over the country passed laws requiring people to wear masks when going out in public. On Oct. 28, Abraham Rothenstein kissed his bride, Annie Nicholson of San Pablo, through a gauze mask. The bride, groom and the minister all wore

masks. There were 400 cases of influenza in Martinez.

On Oct. 29, the county closed down all saloons in the unincorporated area. The District Attorney's office notified all county constables that "every man, woman and child in the county is ordered to wear a mask while on the streets, in stores or anywhere where two or more persons are congregated."

A soup kitchen opened at Alhambra High School. "Soups, salads, custards and other light, nourishing and easily prepared foods are being prepared and distributed to those homes and families where all are sick and where it is impossible to secure help for preparing the needed foods," reported the Gazette.

Dr. H.E. Peter, city health officer of Pittsburg, came down with the flu Oct. 24. Raymond Studstill, 24, who worked at the Bay Point shipyards, died of complications from the flu at the County Hospital on the same day, as did 25-year-old Vescenza La Francisco of Valona. Vivian Owens of Rodeo died after giving birth to a baby girl while ill with the flu. The baby died the next day.

Twenty-five Red Cross volunteers in Martinez worked day and

night to make and distribute gauze masks. On Nov. 1, the Red Cross issued an appeal asking people to wash their masks instead of throwing them away.

At this point local Red Cross women had turned out 4,000 masks. "Even if you would prefer to buy new masks, the plea is for people to keep their old masks, clean them up and continue to use them. The reason is that the demand for masks is so heavy that the Red Cross is almost unable to meet the demand."

Dr. Blake reported to the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 4, that there were 577 cases of the flu in the unincorporated areas of San Pablo, Tormey, Giant, Rodeo, Crockett, Valona and Bay Point.

Also on that day, 24-year-old Estelle Roberts, one of the Martinez Red Cross volunteers, died of the flu.

By Nov. 18, World War I had been over for a week and the State Board of Health reported that the wearing of masks, closing of schools and theaters had not reduced the number of new cases of Spanish flu. On Nov. 20, the masks came off the residents of San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond. Martinez took off its masks the

next day. Pittsburg opened its theaters, churches and lodges Nov. 21, but its residents couldn't take off their masks until three days later.

Dr. Blake reported to city officials that the flu had been brought to Richmond by a man from Chicago and spread soon after that. He claimed the epidemic was over Nov. 26.

It wasn't. People kept dying.

There were 30 new flu cases reported Dec. 14 in Martinez. On Jan. 20, 1919, the flu masks were ordered back on. On Jan. 29, the masks came off again. Dr. Blake again declared the epidemic was over in the county.

The flu may have been over, but people continued to die.

On Jan. 29, Edward Tormey died of the flu in Bay Point. His mother-in-law, Josephine Fahy, died Feb. 1 of pneumonia following a bout with the flu. Her daughter, Edward's widow, Viola Tormey, died of the flu Feb. 2.

Nilda Rego's e-mail address is nilda@nca.verio.com. Her fax number is 925-377-8702.

## Notes

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departments of his uncle's for-  
mation, a Southern Pacific Rail-  
road.

colorful and beautifully dec-  
orated. "One room led  
like the old-fashioned rail-  
road in New York. The rooms went  
back."

Laveada Johnson of Hercules,  
Area's turbulent and exciting  
World War II and the Vietnam  
war American politics.

Johnson says. "I lived through quite a  
few (events) and participated  
in especially those things during  
the war," Johnson says.

Johnson worked in the Richmond ship-  
yards, supporting her family and the war  
effort. Her older brother had been  
in service immediately after  
the war. Her convictions, though,  
turned during the Viet-

nam war. Johnson was drafted into the Viet-  
nam war. Johnson says. "He was  
of technical school in San  
Francisco and because it was not con-  
sidered an academic program,  
drafted. After that experience,  
my different attitude towards

are so much more constricted and lim-  
ited in the same things, world politics,  
national politics. They look at it the  
same way that, well, they looked at it  
since when I was in North Dakota."

### Port Chicago blast

Ruth Duthie of Livermore remem-  
bers feeling the explosion of Port  
Chicago literally beneath her seat. She  
had been watching a comedy in a the-  
ater in Richmond, where the seats were  
bolted down.

"The first blast came, and I thought,  
'my goodness is that an earthquake?'"  
Just a few seconds later, the second jolt  
came. "It actually made the floor bump  
up."

She believes that the workers at Port  
Chicago were not properly recognized  
for their bravery. Indeed, as someone  
who has earned a paycheck every week  
since 1945, Duthie attributes much of  
Bay Area's achievements to the labor  
force.

"My dad worked in the shipyards  
and my mom taught," Duthie says.  
Duthie still has her \$19.85 pay stub  
from her first job at the china counter  
at F.W. Woolworth at Ninth and Macdonald  
in Richmond.

Duthie had wanted to become a  
plastic surgeon, to help returning sol-  
diers who had been disfigured in the  
war. Marriage and children dictated  
otherwise, but she continued to work  
and later joined the early days of the  
Bay Area real estate boom.

The real estate industry, for better  
and for worse, has changed the land-  
scape of the Bay Area.

"In 1978, you could buy a house  
near Mission Boulevard (in Fremont)  
for \$89,000," Duthie says. "That same  
house would be selling for \$250,000 to-  
day."

Developers and real estate agents  
on commission have created a market

increasingly inaccessible for the young,  
entry-level and service workers, she  
says.

"Kids nowadays just don't have a  
prayer," Duthie says. "Where are those  
poor things going to live?"

While the rhythm of Bay Area life  
has speeded up, what has remained a  
constant in the last 100 years is change.  
"My friends who are my age that I  
still have from way back," Laveada  
Johnson says, "we feel that we lived in  
a very, very exciting time, a time of  
great change, a time that has changed  
so fast that it's almost impossible to  
keep up with things. But we've made  
a good effort."

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play in the American Football League  
in 1960, bringing the Bay Area an-  
other professional football team. (10)

34. Film directors Francis Ford  
Coppola, George Lucas and others  
make the Bay Area a moviemaking  
center in the 1970s (9)

35. The Rolling Stones concert at  
the Altamont Speedway near Liver-  
more in 1969 ends with the death of  
a fan. (6)

36. The NBA comes to the Bay  
Area in 1962 as the Warriors, with Wilt  
Chamberlain, move to San Francisco  
from Philadelphia. (2)

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## East Bay history



CROWDS WAIT the arrival of the first passenger train at Third and Washington streets station on Aug. 22, 1910.

## Readers reflect on significant times in Bay Area

Readers' write-in votes  
most significant events and  
moments in the Bay Area dur-  
ing the 20th century. Events are  
ranked by the number of votes or  
less in chronological order.  
Some historic details have  
been omitted for brevity. Fig-  
ures after a listing  
indicate more than one vote.

Golden Gate Park development  
in San Francisco sand

construction and use of San  
Francisco cable car system.

removal of water reservoir on  
San Francisco's Nob Hill.

water reaches Bay Area  
Francisco's Hetch Hetchy  
Reservoir Municipal Utilities Dis-  
trict projects.

Cal-Stanford football ri-  
vals the century and brings  
two great universities. (2)

to Breakers" races.

cross-country automobile  
races from San Francisco to New

■ Berkeley fire in 1923 sweeps  
through 130 acres, destroying 584  
homes in the process.

■ California's 75th birthday party



**BAY AREA NOVELIST** Jack  
London helped establish a  
modern literary tradition.

at the San Francisco Civic Center in  
1925.

■ Influx of Dust Bowl refugees  
in the 1930s.

■ Shutdown of San Francisco  
Bay Area by the International Long-  
shoremen's Association in 1934.

■ East Bay Regional Park District  
founded in 1934. (2)

■ Aviator Amelia Earhart departs  
from Oakland on May 21, 1937.

■ Alcatraz prisoners riot in 1946;  
federal troops are called in. (2)

■ Alcatraz is well known as the  
home of Al Capone.

■ Organized labor forces have

done the most to affect the Bay Area.

■ "Rice Bowl" party in San Fran-  
cisco's Chinatown in 1937, a bene-  
fit for China after the Japanese in-  
vasion.

■ Varian invents clystron tube and  
radar.

■ Philo T. Farnsworth invents  
television in San Francisco.

■ Pan American Airways Clipper  
planes open up direct route to the  
Pacific.

■ Golden Gate International Ex-  
position on Treasure Island, 1939-  
40. (12)

■ World War II changes the struc-  
ture, demographics and economics  
of the Bay Area, especially Oakland.  
The war brings huge influx of South-  
eastern and blacks to Bay Area. (2)

■ Presidio of San Francisco is  
West Coast departure point for  
troops heading for the Pacific during  
World War II. (2)

■ World War II develops acade-  
mic institutions, an industrial base,  
exposes people from all over the  
United States to California.

■ Japanese submarines threaten  
U.S. ships off the Northern Califor-  
nia coast during World War II.

■ William Hewlett and David  
Packard's invention (an audio oscil-  
lator) leads to development of Sil-  
icon Valley and the end of Santa  
Clara Valley's orchards.

■ UC scientists' atomic energy  
research, 1940s.

■ Military development in the  
Bay Area during World War II, in-  
cluding Naval Supply Center, Naval  
Air Station in Alameda, Oakland  
Army Base, naval station on Treas-  
ure Island.

■ Blacks' migration to the Bay

Area transforms Richmond, Oakland  
and parts of San Francisco.

■ "Rosie the Riveter," working in  
shipyards during World War II,  
changes women's roles in the work  
force. (2)

■ World War II air-raid sirens and  
blackouts periodically disrupt life in  
the Bay Area.

■ The Bay Area is where the B-  
25 bombers were loaded on the car-  
rier USS Hornet to make the first at-  
tack on the Japanese homeland, an  
event which helped to turn the war  
around and started the tide in our  
direction in 1942.

■ V-J Day on Market Street in  
San Francisco, 1945.

■ Pittsburg's Camp Stoneman is  
West Coast departure point for U.S.  
troops involved in the Korean War,  
1950-53.

■ The growth of the real estate  
industry.

■ Berkeley Unified School Dis-  
trict desegregates, 1968.

■ Kaiser Permanente health  
maintenance organization develops.  
(3)

■ Kaiser Foundation School of  
Nursing opens in Oakland, 1947  
(closed in 1976).

■ Richmond-San Rafael bridge  
opens, 1956.

■ Key System trains end service  
across Bay Bridge.

■ Black power student strike at  
San Francisco State, 1968.

■ Black student sit-in at Mills Col-  
lege in Oakland, 1968 and 1969.

■ Third World strike at UC-  
Berkeley, 1969.

■ Disability independent living-  
civil rights movement begins in  
Berkeley and elsewhere in the Bay

Area, early 1970s. (4)

■ More than 100 people with dis-  
abilities occupy the San Francisco  
Federal Building in 1977 urging Pres-  
ident Jimmy Carter to sign civil  
rights legislation for people with dis-  
abilities. (4)

■ San Francisco becomes tourist  
capital of the United States.

■ Oakland A's win world cham-  
pionships in 1972, 1973, 1974 and  
1989.

■ The TransAmerica Building in  
San Francisco—controversial at the  
time but now it defines the skyline.

■ National Aeronautics and  
Space Program programs at Moffett  
Field.

■ San Francisco becomes more  
famous due to Tony Bennett singing  
"I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

■ Women's liberation movement  
starts a new wave of feminism, cul-  
minating in the election of two fe-  
male U.S. senators from California.  
(2)

■ East Bay Regional Park District  
and Golden Gate National Recrea-  
tion Area establish open space and  
parkslands. (3)

■ Bay Area becomes center of  
Eastern and alternative medical and  
healing practices.

■ Berkeley has impact on the Bay  
Area: UC labs, the peace movement,  
etc.

■ San Francisco becomes well  
known as the gay center of the  
United States.

■ The fight to save the environ-  
ment.

■ Children held captive by kid-  
nappers in a bus rescued from a  
quarry near Livermore, 1976.

■ A bus carrying Yuba City High  
School students flips over in Marti-  
nez and kills 28 in 1976. (The ac-  
cident helps push 1977 federal bus  
safety standards.)

■ In 1982, an AC Transit bus driv-  
ing through the Caldecott Tunnel  
clips a stalled car and then hits a  
double-tank gas truck. The resulting  
fireball kills seven people.

■ Cal State Hayward is devel-  
oped; many other colleges grow.

■ Airports developed in San  
Francisco, Oakland, San Jose.

■ Drought, water rationing in the  
1980s.

■ New Age "religions" replace  
Christianity.

■ San Francisco and the rest of  
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## Candidates

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"The other thing we need to do, I believe, is evaluate our city services and make sure that they're efficient and they're productive," O'Keefe told the audience. She also emphasized the need to communicate with residents and keep them informed about the city's financial situation.

O'Keefe said that if the city does all these things and a shortfall is discovered, "I believe that our residents would support a tax increase if it was necessary."

"I think that El Cerrito is facing a crossroad and we will be facing some financial difficulties in the future," Abelson said in her answer to the question. She said the financial difficulties will be in two areas: the "local day-to-day operations of our city" and "the infrastructure of our city."

Abelson told the audience, "We can decide that as a body, we the residents of El Cerrito think it's important to fund those items that I just mentioned, or we can decide we want to give up our high quality programs and services."

Abelson said she has not heard people say they want to "give up police, fire, the parks or anything else," and added "what I hear people saying is they want more of those things." She said the issue is how to fund these things and noted, "We've had many, many years of figuring out how to cut back." Abelson said she does support a tax measure, but would have to see the specific proposal.

"In general, I think it's the only way to get us through the next few years," she said.

Moore said "I believe that El Cerrito is running pretty lean right now and there aren't any services that we

can reasonably cut in order to make up a difference if there is indeed a shortfall." She said the City Council's current economic development efforts are "very important" and added, "El Cerrito hasn't done a lot of progressive economic development and we need to do that."

Moore said "we have limited commercial areas, but there are things we can do with them to increase our sales tax and increase our revenues."

Moore urged new "public and private partnerships" to promote investment in El Cerrito.

"We need to step out of the box and look for ways and solutions to find revenue rather than look for ways to cut services," she told the audience.

Moore said she would support a tax measure, if necessary, and added that she believes most El Cerritos would also.

"We value our quality of life and we're willing to pay what's necessary to improve, preserve and take care of business in El Cerrito," she said.

### Committee of the Whole

The candidates were asked about the future of the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole.

This citizen committee has been studying city finances and infrastructure for the past 18 months and may recommend some type of tax or bond measure for the ballot.

Abelson said the committee "needs to answer the question that it was charged with."

"It needs to figure out what should be a recommendation regarding how to finance the future of the city assuming that such a thing needs to be done," Moore said "all community advisory committees, like the Committee of the Whole, should get specific direction from the City Council, in terms of what they're

charged to do; they should meet that charge and then come to an end."

Perka, who has been a regular member of the Committee of the Whole since its inception, noted that "it is an open process and everybody in the community has been invited to attend." She said the committee has "made four or five recommendations" to the City Council "and at no time did the council indicate that they were off course or not on the subject matter."

O'Keefe, a more recent member of the Committee of the Whole, said the committee has been "very effective in identifying some of the problems that we have in the city" and in educating people about those problems. She added that the committee has been working hard to identify infrastructure needs and how to fund them.

### Redevelopment

Price said there were many questions about redevelopment from the audience. Summarizing them, Price asked if the Redevelopment Agency should have been put into hiatus by the City Council and when should it be revitalized.

O'Keefe said yes, the agency should have been put into hiatus per the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

"Quite frankly, there is no money in redevelopment right now to fund any redevelopment activities," she said. O'Keefe outlined steps that need to be taken during the hiatus, including a cost/benefit project analysis, to make the agency more successful in the future when it again has money to operate.

Abelson said "The Redevelopment Agency had no money, so it's difficult to imagine how it could have done any projects at this point in time." She said the city does need an economic development program, and said "privately financed development

is my preferred choice for development and I think we can also explore other partnerships," Abelson said. "We should consider using redevelopment where appropriate," Abelson said and added that the agency should come out of hiatus "when the debt is paid and when we have a project."

Moore said "redevelopment is a tool for economic development," and that "if you have a tool and it's not working, or you're not using it properly, you figure how to use it and use it properly." Referring to the hiatus period, Moore said the City Council needs to do more "about identifying what the criteria are for using the Redevelopment Agency." She added: "It's a tool and when its appropriate you use it. When it's not appropriate, you don't use it."

Perka said that redevelopment projects "have not provided the significant shot in the arm that we thought that they would" and that "the city needs to manage redevelopment a little bit better." Perka said that "properly managed, redevelopment can be a very useful tool — improperly managed, redevelopment can cause a lot of trouble for a city and we found that out." She said El Cerrito "needs to use this time to allow the agency to pay back its debt," restore community confidence and set up "proper financial accounting." Perka said redevelopment "can emerge from hiatus once the debt is paid and it can be one of the viable tools in our economic tool kit."

### Priorities

Each candidate was asked to list the top three issues facing the city and how she would address these issues. Perka said the three top El Cerrito issues are: "To build and repair our aging infrastructure," to "develop economic strategies to attract businesses to El Cerrito" and implement other financial management practices to "build and maintain our strong police and fire departments."

O'Keefe, referring to her campaign literature, said "we need to revitalize our business community, we need to restore fiscal responsibility and we need to repair our aging infrastructure." O'Keefe said the city needs to "get an aggressive program going with our local Chamber of Commerce" to stimulate business along San Pablo Avenue. Abelson said the top issue facing the city is "simply finances — which covers a lot of different areas." She said that "unless we solve that problem, then we can't solve any of the other problems." Abelson said the city needs a business community "that can provide our citizens with a place to shop" and she also talked about the city's infrastructure needs.

Moore said "the primary issue that El Cerrito needs to deal with is generating revenue." She said revenue is needed to "provide for public services, our deteriorating infrastructure, our parks, our open spaces, our police, our fire, our pro-

grams for youth, for families and for seniors." She also said an economic development strategy needs to be developed to bring businesses to the city and support existing businesses.

### City wages

When questioned about the current city wage scale and possibly lowering city staff wages for both union and management-level employees, all four candidates said wages should not be lowered.

"We depend on the police and the fire to protect our very lives," O'Keefe noted and said she supported their current pay scale. O'Keefe also, however, separated out management staff and said their salaries and benefits should be compared with similar cities "to make sure that we're not going overboard in compensating management."

### Measure C funds

In response to a question about Measure C BART parking garage funds, the candidates agreed that the approximately \$6 million amount should be used by El Cerrito, but other transportation-related projects were suggested.

"I think we should use those funds to get what we can get," said Moore, who added that if all the city can get from Measure C is a garage, then it should use it to support development of a transit village at one of its BART stations. Moore emphasized that the city should do nothing that would jeopardize the Measure C money.

Perka said she would "do everything possible" to keep the Measure C funds for El Cerrito and added, "I think there's other things that we can do in the city."

O'Keefe said "if you build a garage the cars will come," and suggested a park-and-ride facility in Pinole with shuttle buses to bring people in and to save the garage space for retail development and parking for those shoppers. Abelson urged "innovative ways of bringing people to the BART station because, after all, that's what rides on BART, not cars."

### Living wage/curfew

In response to other questions, the candidates agreed that workers in a city-subsidized business should receive a "living wage." Moore noted that "if your workers are not making a living wage, they can't put back into your community." Perka noted that the living wage for Marin County may not be that same as the Contra Costa County living wage.

The candidates questioned the need and wisdom of a citywide 10 p.m. curfew for people under 18 years of age. "I don't think that we have a problem in El Cerrito," O'Keefe said and Abelson said such a curfew would indicate a lack of trust and would be "degrading" to the youth of the community.

After the forum the ECDC members voted to endorse Letitia Moore's bid for City Council.

## Zoning

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Councilman Ed McManus would much prefer a rezoning waiver zoning permit to prove permits not in code.

Albany is known as a contractors and others thing they want" rezoning McManus said, who many people do not take seriously," as a result.

McManus also criticized the commission for failing to act in its decisions.

Findings are issues outlined in the explain why the commission way and not another.

Finer launched into a defense of the commission while conceding "it's one or two nights, people tired," and did not take out of 105 of the commission's findings were valid.

Margaret Kummer, a commissioner, said Moore to add on to their zoning to reach the zoning lots are too small to be required by the code.

The discussion issue of garages illegally living space and other "grandfathered" zoning process.

At issue is whether who know their garage converted, or made themselves, should be given space available for parking apply for a permit to homes.

Mayor Peggy Thomsen talked about discretion who try to get around or violate their zoning.

The mayor said "I deliberately misled zoning regulations on converted garages parking space rules."

Hays later said that owners are required to space for off-street parking on their property.

"However, they can use it," he said, said washing machine in garage.

City Attorney Robert gested that individual permits should produce active declarations" of the time they purchased the legal do demonstrate whether illegally converted or were, by whom and if.

Ultimately, it was the role of the City Council to instruct commission out their appointed also agreed there was further discussion at the work session, Nov. 11.

## Bulb

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Fields was astonished by the suggestion, understating his reaction by stating Good's suggestion was "quite a different direction" than that advocated by the city and its citizens for many years.

Councilman Ed McManus said it is "highly unlikely" that the Bulb could become anything but a park given the problems the city would encounter with various agencies and government bodies.

Such a move would probably "trigger" a reassessment of an agreement with the CRWQCB, Fields said as he leaned toward his microphone. With the cadence of a machine gun, the city manager shot off a long list

of agencies he said would step in and prevent such a move. He urged the council not to risk such a move, one that threatened to undo years of negotiation and planning.

"Not to mention years and years of public input," added Vice Mayor John Ely.

The council quickly shifted gears and discussed safety issues remaining at the Bulb. Fields said art created by "the residents that lived out there" should be preserved, a suggestion that most on the council appeared to share.

Later, Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma presented a summary of Albany's efforts to clear the Bulb of those residents, one done in a manner she said generated support from around the Bay Area, including other cities, agencies and the press.

The council discussed a plan to test methods of effectively removing rebar and cement that pose potential health and safety risks at the landfill. Fields suggested a "demo" project, one that would provide experience that could be applied in other areas of the Bulb.

Mayor Peggy Thomsen said such a plan "was a good way to start," a statement the council supported.

In other council news, members voted unanimously to accept the second reading of an ordinance that will officially close all public parks, recreation areas and open space from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. every night.

The ordinance, first approved by the council at their Sept. 21 meeting, would allow exemptions through a permit process.

During the "Good of the City" segment, longtime resident Dario Meniketti complained he could not hear a word of a joint meeting between the council and the planning commission held earlier Monday.

Meniketti, who is hard of hearing, threatened to contact the state "and do something about it." The joint work session was held without microphones.

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## Snapp

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bully. It's true when you're 8 years old on the schoolyard, and it's true when you're 28 years old in the classroom.

In the final analysis, the Regents failed because they didn't realize the caliber of the people they were trying to intimidate. If they'd bothered to check into Muscatine's record, for instance, they'd have discovered that six years before, when he was barely out of his teens, he was a Navy LST commander in World War II. He landed troops on the beaches (and evacuated the wounded on the return trips) during some of the bloodiest Allied landings of the war, including North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and, of course, Omaha Beach.

It would take a whole column to describe his heroics on D-Day alone, when he went back over and over to a sinking ship to rescue men trapped in the burning wreckage — an act for which he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. My point is this: After he'd already faced down Adolf Hitler, the biggest bully of them all, what made the Regents think he'd be scared of them?

And I have another point, especially for my younger readers: Don't think this democracy of ours is some-

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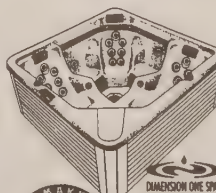
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## Volunteers take creekside living to heart

By Mary K. Furman  
CORRESPONDENT

Living along a creek may sound like a dream come true.

What could be more perfect than a home placed beside a fern-lined babbling brook, with a canopy of lush, shade-bearing trees overhead?

But for many urban dwellers such thoughts may seem like mere day dreams. Creeks familiar to them may be neglected or abused, waters stagnated by erosion with trash like tires and litter thrown in the mix. Many people may even be unaware there's any type of flowing water in their vicinity.

But the reality is, whether we know it or not, we all live with a creek nearby.

In the East Bay alone, there are dozens of creeks which are mapped and smaller, perhaps more seasonal ones which are not. They may not be as recognizable if you think of creeks existing only in the backyard fantasy form.

In the past, while creek sites were privately owned, often passing through generations, no one, generally speaking, maintained them, private or public. Creatures who had lost their other habitat flourished. Unfortunately, these places also became dump sites for excess dirt, broken concrete, automobile parts, furniture, etc.

Prior to the mid-1970s, creeks were meandering waterways — obstacles to building and prone to seasonal flooding which was often solved by burying or undergrounding them in concrete.

Today, the creek restoration movement is more than trickling through the



**FRIENDS OF THE CREEK** volunteers clear non-native plants from the demonstration area garden at Dimond Creek. The creek restoration movement is thriving in the East Bay.

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## State lags in solving its sprawl

Sierra Club report finds fault with planning oversight

By Lisa Vorderbrueggen  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

California has the tools to curb suburban sprawl but too often fails to use them, according to a new study by the Sierra Club.

"California has lots of laws, but many are vague, have very little oversight and are not enforced," said Bill Craven, California director for the Sierra Club. "When we compare ourselves to other states, we look good, but the fact that people are commuting three hours a day from Tracy into the South Bay is proof that California is not doing very well solving sprawl."

California ranked near the top in three out of the four study categories — land use planning, transportation and open space protection. It fell to 37th in community revitalization.

But far from Washington, D.C., where the "Solving Sprawl" report was distributed Monday as Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt urged Congress to allocate \$900 million to buy parks and open space, a small contingent handed out copies of the study in Tracy.

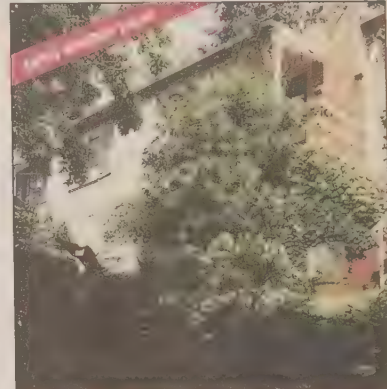
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# The play's the thing when selling a house

Staging houses is a most fascinating process. That's just what it is: a stage set, as if for a play. All of the extra furnishings are removed and what is left is showcased, making the rooms spare, clean and compelling.

For example, a large living room may include two overstuffed, white linen chairs, an old-trunk coffee table, a handsome floor lamp and a smallish rug laid over a highly polished wood floor. There may be a footstool too, draped with a mohair shawl of just the right shade and perhaps an open book.

The mantel holds something classic: elegant glass candlesticks, or an old mantel clock, or tulips bowing from a tall glass vase.

It's picture-postcard perfect. Many people who come into a well staged room are delighted. This is how they want to live. Here is a room they'd like to invite friends to.

It's hard, perhaps impossible, to project one's real life into such a beautiful room. Our minds don't consider our own worn furniture, children's toys on the floor, dog hair on the carpet. We don't see things as they would be but rather as they are.

The scene works because so much is missing. There are no bulky couches or cabinets, no television or stereo equipment. There may not be drapes, end tables or table lamps. No piles of newspapers and magazines either, and only a few artfully arranged books on the built-in cases.

Staging is a lovely trick. When done well, it draws us into a house, makes us want to stay, causes us to

## True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

think that we can have a home that looks like this one. We feel happy.

In the kitchen, imported olive oil and fresh herbs invite us to see ourselves tossing pasta, dishing it into perfect bowls, passing freshly grated cheese. We're singing opera loudly, taking bread sticks from the oven.

No over-boiling pots or crumbs on the floor; the wine is fine. There is no hurry or worry here; only sweet words are spoken. It's a ruse, a fun one.

The staging of houses for sale is relatively young. I remember the first time I saw one, maybe 10 or 12 years ago. It was a new house, the construction had just been completed and the owner, an architect, had hired someone to furnish it. He must have decided the house would look better to buyers with furnishings, and he was right.

I was amazed that he'd gone to the trouble and expense of having beds, tables, chairs, and so forth put into the house, and it was beautifully done. There were even books in the bookshelves. That impressed me.

And yet, it was obvious that it wasn't real. No one really lives like this, I thought. But, wow, this house looks great.

After that I saw an occasional staged house but not many for a long time. It's only been in the past few years that the practice of staging has taken off. I am certainly enjoying seeing it.

There now are a number of professional stagers, half a dozen or so known by name and style to real estate agents. "Staged by Marlene," proclaims the multiple listing, and we know we're in for a treat.

Marlene uses gorgeous old pieces, dark wood dressers, antique oil paintings and mirrors, sumptuous beds covered with plump comforters and shams, bedding full, thick, deeply folded back — a visual treasure.

I think Marlene uses furnishings from her own collection. Other stagers use some of their own and rent others. Sometimes only a few items are placed in a house, perhaps only in the living room; other times the entire house is furnished.

Not all of the houses are vacant. One stager specializes in editing and rearranging the owner's own things.

At least another stager also oversees painting and repairs before selecting curtains and hanging them, hiring cleaning, bringing in furnishings and arranging bouquets of flowers. She gets bids from workmen; with her help the seller decides which things to do, then the stager makes sure it is done right.

Staging can be expensive, espe-

cially if an entire house is being painted, cleaned and filled. I think it almost always pays off. In most cases the sellers get back staging money and more; sometimes staging brings three or four times the investment.

We are working with a client who is preparing her mother's house for sale. During her lifetime, her mother was a great collector; the daughter faced a big project sorting through it all. She threw out a lot, chose some things for herself, and called an estate sale specialist who will be holding a sale for her.

We're collecting bids now for termite work, repairs, and painting. When we have these, we will discuss how much money it makes sense to spend on the house and in what ways.

We'll estimate what return the daughter may get by hiring a stager. It's possible that we will decide to do cleaning only or perhaps, cleaning, floor refinishing and new curtains.

But I'm so enjoying thinking about this little house all gussied up and it's such an appealing thought that I'm hoping it will be smart to go further — to spend some staging money before presenting the "play."

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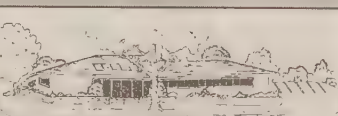


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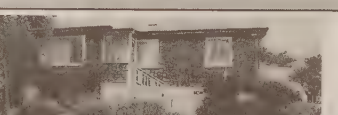
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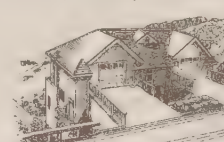
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 8

**Octoberfest dinner.** Women's Council of the East Bay Oakland chapter will host an Octoberfest dinner at 5 p.m. at the Seawall restaurant, 199 Seawall Blvd., Berkeley. \$30 includes dinner and drink. For reservations call 482-3800 or email HaywardCRB@aol.com

Saturday, Oct. 10

**Open tour.** A Tasteful Tour of Rockledge Kitchens. Noon to 5 p.m. Nine local homeowners with newly remodeled kitchens join forces with 20 Rockledge restaurants to raise funds for The Berkeley Community Planning Council. Diverse cuisine samples from: Ciro's, Citron, Garibaldi's, La Crema, La Crema, Market Hall Pasta Shop, Marina Rozelle, Grace Baking, Giglio's, La Varga, Obelisk, CrepeVine, Poshana, Cactus Taqueria, CrepeVine, and Harvest Bread Co., Pasta Potpourri, Real Tractor Cafe, Sergio's, Tribeca and Uzen will be featured. Advance tickets are \$20. Please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check. Please make checks payable to RCPC Kitchen Tour, #130, 5856 College Ave., Oakland 94618. On the day of the event, tickets

can be purchased after 10:30 a.m. for \$25 at the tour registration site, College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave., Oakland.

Saturday, Oct. 16

**Solar home tour.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Northern California Solar Energy Association hosts five tours of multiple homes using solar electricity, hot water, winter heating and summer cooling strategies and technologies. Meet homeowners living with the power of the sun and hear what they have to say about it. Tours include South Bay, North Bay, Contra Costa County, Berkeley/Oakland and Sacramento. Cost: \$10 for NCSEA/ADPSR members, \$15 for non-members. To sign up, call 510-869-2759, e-mail info@norcal-solar.org or visit the group's Web site at www.norcal-solar.org.

**Home-buying workshop.** Potential home buyers can get an introduction to the entire process in a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop is geared towards women. Woman to Woman: Finding The Keys To Buying Your Own Home is designed to help understand what's needed to make good, informed decisions. Topics include lending concepts, closing costs, advertising, choosing a good/affordable neighborhood —

the whole process. The free workshop in Albany is sponsored by Marsha Quick, Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward, CMG Mortgage. Call 510-718-2134.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

**Disaster preparedness.** Slide presentation and talk led by columnist and contractor Don Pearman. Series follows disaster preparedness for homeowners, contractors and designers. The talk features fire and earthquake retrofitting. Come with questions. \$3. Builder's Booksources, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 800-843-2028.

Thursdays through Oct. 28

**Home design workshop.** Led by architect/contractor Barry Wagner from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee \$150. Call 525-7610.

Friday, Oct. 29

**Artist's reception.** Mei-Yu Lo's recent acrylic paintings can be seen at the Red Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley from Oct. 25 through Jan. 14, 2000. There is a reception scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 510-527-3387 for more information.

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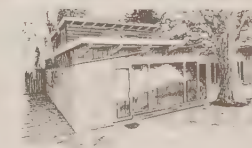
**589 SAN LUIS.** OPEN SUN 2-4. Beautiful traditional with original woodwork! 3BR, 2BA, family room, formal dining room and large kitchen. View! Bebe McRae, ext. 145 \$495,000

**TILDEN VIEW CONTEMPORARY.** Inviting light-filled 3+BD, 2.5BA home. Wonderful master, quiet private setting. Leslie Avant, ext. 122 \$495,000

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## Historical groups plan events

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**Berkeley history walking tours**

**Industrial West Berkeley.** Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. to noon. Led by Betty Marvin. Meet at the Aquatic Park Center at 800 Heinz Street (below 14th Street). Space is limited to 30 people.

**Large tracts of farmland along the western Berkeley waterfront between industrial developments in the part of this century.** Today some factories have vanished, some exist and some have become studios. Betty Marvin, an architectural historian and former president of the BHS, will talk about the past and present of this mixed-use neighborhood.

**Boundary Walk.** Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. to noon. Led by Grunland.

**Meet at Summit Reservoir, at the intersection of Spruce Street and 14th Peak Boulevard (Please note due to steep pathways, this is not suitable for people with mobility problems). Space is limited to 30 people.**

This walk traces the Berkeley-

Kensington border, which was also the 1853 boundary between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Highlights will include glimpses of Cerrito Creek and the home of the late local historian Louis L. Stein. There will be a choice between hiking back uphill by an alternate route, or carpooling drivers back to their cars at Summit Reservoir. Paul Grunland has been active in planning and leading walks for BHS and the Berkeley Pathwanderers.

Tours cost \$5 each for BHS members and \$10 for the general public. Call 848-0181 for more information. Make checks payable to Berkeley Historical Society and send to Berkeley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701-1190.

## Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland

Every year the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland hosts two holiday events at the Cohen-Bray House. The house is beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. The Redwood room is transformed into a forest by dozens of trees hanging above the picture rails, as well as a 10-foot Christmas tree. Firelight and candlelight cast a warm glow.

## Christmas Tea

Tour the house and enjoy a traditional tea on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000. Settings are hourly from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors, youth and VPCO members. Call Patty at 510-843-2906 for reservations.

## Twelfth Night

Share the magic of the sixth annual Twelfth Night Party with 20 special guests on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Champagne, a special catered dinner, and the table decorated with family china and crystal is followed with Christmas carols, conversation and port. Reservations are being taken now. \$100 per person (\$75 is deductible). Call Barbara at 510-524-5780 or Patty at 510-843-2906 for reservations.

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# Co-signers undertake big credit risks

A Berkeley reader writes: "I helped my sister and her significant-other buy a home. I was a co-borrower. I never lived there; I just co-signed the loan. When they broke up, my sister stayed but struggled to make the mortgage payments. By the time I became aware of the situation, my sister had filed for bankruptcy to stop the house from going into foreclosure and to pay off her credit card debt.

"Now, I am trying to buy a home for myself but most lenders are reluctant to lend to me because of the delinquent payments that show on my credit report due to my sister's problems. Otherwise, my credit report is perfect. What can I do to correct my credit report and was there anything I could have done to prevent this?"

Co-signers usually are the last to find out when the account is delinquent. To avoid any surprises, the co-signer should insist on having the mortgage statement sent to his address or a copy of the statement sent to him by the person he co-signed with.

Once the account becomes delinquent, the co-signer's credit is ruined.

## Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

"Lenders want to see at least two years elapse between bankruptcy discharge and new loan qualification."

Anyone who co-signs for a loan will be held liable until the loan is repaid.

When our reader co-signed for his sister's loan, his name was listed on the title as a part owner.

Even if he files a quit claim deed to remove his name from title, he is still liable for the loan.

His signature is on the loan documents stating that he would make the payments until the loan was paid off.

The only ways to get his name removed from the loan documents are for his sister to sell the home and have the new buyers take him off the

loan and property, or his sister could refinance into a new loan.

It will be difficult for his sister to refinance due to the bankruptcy. Usually a lender will want to see at least two years elapse between the bankruptcy discharge and new loan qualification.

The lender also will look for re-established credit with at least three open credit accounts "seasoned" (or used showing a payment history) for at least two years.

If this re-established credit history is unavailable, there are lenders out there, hard money lenders who will, at a very significant cost make a loan to a troubled borrower.

But the interest rates and loan costs are prohibitive.

To correct his credit report, our reader should ask the current lender to remove the negative credit from his report. The lender probably will not do this, but it doesn't hurt to try.

If the entry remains, add a 100 word statement explaining the problem with evidence (12 months canceled checks or bank statements) that the sister had been making the payments until she ran into difficulties.

Send this information to the lender and the three credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian (TRW) and Trans Union Credit, to change your master credit file.

Request a follow up credit report within six weeks of adding the statement to make sure it appears on your report.

Again, this likely will not remove the negative information from your credit reports, but the reports will now have an added notation explaining the situation.

The information compiled for the credit reporting bureaus also will help our reader when applying for a home loan for himself.

The letter of explanation and canceled checks is a proactive move that will increase his chances with a lender.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband, Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511; fax 510-339-3814 and E-mail ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions for discussion.

## Check with lender before ordering PMI re-appraisal

By Robert J. Bruss  
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: Recently we received a letter from a licensed appraiser that offered to re-appraise our home for purposes of canceling our PMI (private mortgage insurance). The cost is \$250. Each month we pay a \$68 PMI premium along with our monthly mortgage payments. It would be nice to save this money.

Should we hire the appraiser? — Mavis M.

Dear Mavis: The appraisal business has slowed down recently, primarily due to the decline in home-loan refinancing, and appraisers are hungry for business.

A few appraisers are creating a new income source from homeowners who can drop PMI premiums if their loan-to-value ratio is now below

80 percent (usually due to market value appreciation).

However, before hiring that appraiser, check with your mortgage lender to make sure that the appraiser is on the lender's approved list.

Also, ask if PMI can be dropped on your loan.

For example, FHA mortgage lenders almost never cancel the FHA insurance premiums. VA mortgages don't have insurance premiums.

If your mortgage is owned by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, the loan servicer (not you) must order the appraisal.

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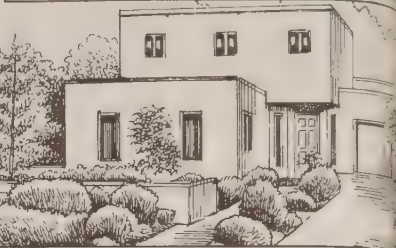
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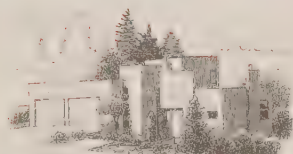
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# In-law debate spotlights safety

The City of Oakland is on the verge of liberalizing requirements for "in-law" units. Opinions vary on whether this is a good idea. Most homeowners I have asked oppose it; renters tend to support it. Although the issues range from the impact on neighborhood home values to parking and congestion, unit safety should be everyone's principal consideration.

## Safety issues

As a real estate broker, I see homes every week with in-law units; almost all are illegal. Too many are not safe for sleeping. Despite the fact that the occasional one was built to code, with permits and approved by the city, many are of questionable construction and quality.

Often, so-called bedrooms lack sufficient exits in case of fire. Some areas used for sleeping are located near gas appliances, such as furnaces and water heaters, or garages, which could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. What is a sleeping room? The city is unacceptably vague in defining a sleeping room. I have been unable to get clear, coherent criteria.

I question what standards the city will use to decide whether to legalize a particular in-law. Will a common yardstick be applied? How many hazardous units will slip through the cracks because of differing interpretations of the requirements?

Originally, I went through a labyrinthine, time-consuming process to cobble together the city's rules for a bedroom. Each division of the city queried handled only their part. I discovered a hodgepodge of departmental regulations, including the application of the Uniform Building Code and the Plumbing and Mechanical Codes.

I didn't get the sense that the city is one entity capable of organizing vital information in a helpful, intelligible manner. The scariest part was that no one at the city seemed to have a clear understanding of the question nor could they provide a succinct answer.

## Progress elusive

Last year I was called upon in court to be an expert witness regarding bedrooms. Prior to my court testimony, I visited the city and spoke with a supervisor of the inspection department. The supervisor handed me the same form I had received years before and told me I could write to the head of the inspection department if I wanted more information.

A week ago I made my latest attempt when I left a voicemail message for the director of the city's Zoning and Planning Department. I asked for the definition of a bedroom, particularly in relation to the proposed legalization of in-law units.

I received a return voicemail from a planning staffer to the effect that the zoning regulations defer to the building code, which she faxed me. The definition I received stated: (a) "sleeping room is any habitable room in a residential building not otherwise prohibited for sleeping." Excuse me? The fax went on to itemize prohibited areas "...or any other room considered by the Building Official not to meet minimum standards of health and safety for sleeping."

Almost five years after my original inquiries, the public still cannot get a definition from the city detailing these minimum standards. Once more, not only was the city's response woefully incomplete, there was not even acknowledgment that a problem exists.

## Final thoughts

Legalizing in-law units applies all over the city, not just in the hills. It is the city's responsibility to protect in-law occupants from the danger of death or injury. This cannot be assured until the city creates guidelines for sleeping rooms that are intelligible to both city staff and citizens.

Meanwhile, any change to the current status of in-laws needs to be put on hold. Pleasant sounding political programs like "increasing housing stock" should not put people's lives in jeopardy.

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## What You Don't Know Can Hurt You



**By Don Dunning**

"As a real estate broker, I see homes every week with in-law units; almost all are illegal."

articles, "Outlaw In-Laws" and "What Is a Bedroom?" visit my Web site at [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com), or call me.

Editor's note: As we reported in the Montclair on Sept. 24, 1999, Leslie Gould, newly appointed director of the city's Zoning and Planning Department, pointed to mailings done by the city to notify residents, as well as a number of informational and input gathering meetings in the community as evidence of the city's good-faith attempts at keeping residents informed. However, she recognized the need for additional efforts to educate residents about the proposed changes.

"We've made every possible outreach effort, but clearly there is a misunderstanding of what the proposal is," said Gould.

She pointed out that the guidelines adopted by the Planning Commission did not pack the punch residents seem to believe it does with respect to allowing the development

## WHAT'S NEXT

■ This issue is scheduled to go before the city's Community and Economic Development Committee at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26.

of new secondary units.

"If you meet some very, very strict standards, you could build (a secondary unit)," Gould said.

The standards proposed for approval of secondary units will address issues ranging from neighborhood compatibility to safety and emergency access. Units that meet those standards are subject only to staff review.

However, if neighbors believe city staff incorrectly applied those standards the staff's decision is appealable to the Planning Commission.

In some cases exceptions to the standards are allowed, but approval of the units with such exceptions would require a major conditional use permit.

Approval of the permit would require the notification of neighbors within 300 ft. of the proposed unit, as well as a public hearing before the Planning Commission. The decision of the commission would also be appealable to the City Council.

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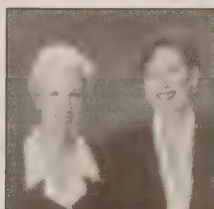
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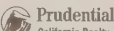
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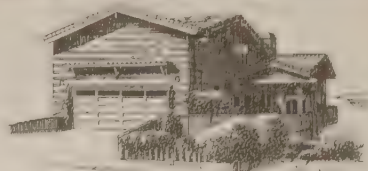
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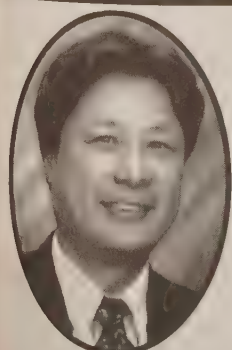
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## Buckle up for safety



# Gifts help many buy new house before selling starter home

Let's say you and your husband took the plunge 10 years ago and bought your first home. You set a five-year game plan to renovate the place and resell it for a profit. Your proceeds would provide the down payment for a bigger home that would satisfy your long-term housing needs.

As with many well-made plans, factors beyond your control intervened. The real estate market which had been robust when you bought took a turn for the worst. If you'd stuck to your plan and sold after five years, you would have lost money. In the meantime, your household doubled in size, making the need for a larger home a paramount issue.

Your first inclination was to con-

## Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

Parents can 'gift' money to kids for the down payment, but lenders will want to know the details...

sider expanding your current home and avoid a move altogether. However, a quick survey of home values in your immediate neighborhood indicated that this would be foolish.

You would run the risk of over-improving your home for the area.

You were convinced, however, that you wanted to remain in the same general neighborhood: the commute was convenient, the schools were great and the sense of community felt like home. So you started looking around for a larger home in the neighborhood.

The good news was that the local real estate market had improved dramatically over the past five years. You were confident that you would have no trouble selling your current home for enough money to make a trade-up move possible.

Unfortunately, you also discovered that the real estate turnaround had affected the market in general.

Virtually every well-priced home in the neighborhood was selling quickly, often with multiple offers and for more than the asking price. This meant that an offer made contingent upon the sale of your current home didn't stand a chance.

Intent on making a move, you put in a call to your parents who gladly offered to "gift" you some money for a down payment. The gift money provides the resources you need to buy a home without having to sell your starter home first.

Most lenders will allow parents to give money to children for part or for all of the down payment. However, the lender will insist that the parents provide a "gift letter" which states that the money is a gift and

that it doesn't have to be repaid.

If gift money will make up a part of your down payment or closing funds, make sure you get preapproved with a lender before you make an offer to buy a home. This is particularly important if you are in competition with other buyers.

Sellers feel more confident accepting an offer that requires help from the folks if the parents have already agreed to the arrangement in writing and the lender has approved the buyer's financial package.

Preapproval involves applying for the mortgage you'll need to complete the sale. All your supporting financial documentation, including credit reports, verifications of income and employment and the source of funds

to close will need to be

One irksome aspect of the process for many buyers is that lenders require parents making the gift to verify that the money is coming from them. If the lender is coming from a discount account, the lender will want to know the gift money was actually drawn from this account and approve the loan.

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# Exhibition debunks 1600s 'sale' of Manhattan for \$24 as myth

By Fred Kaplan  
BOSTON GLOBE

NEW YORK — The great gemstones of history have come in for some hard knocks over the years. George Washington never chopped down a cherry tree. Louis Armstrong wasn't born on the 4th of July or in 1900. Now, it turns out, the Indians didn't really sell Manhattan Island for \$24.

Every schoolkid knows the story of how Pieter Minuit, director of the Dutch West Indies Co., pulled off one of the great real-estate bonanzas of all time in 1626, buying what would become the wealthiest chunk of land in the world for a mere \$24 worth of trinkets and beads.

The tale has endured in paintings, pageants, textbooks, ads and jokes because buying and selling are what Manhattan is, and always has been, all about.

In retrospect, then, the Dutch bargain with the Lenape Indians defines the city's essential character.

Yet, according to an exhibition at the New York Historical Society, which opened last week and continues until March, this fateful event belongs as much to myth as to history.

The story isn't entirely false. "Some sort of transaction did take place in 1626; there was a trade of goods for the use of land," says Lisa Sita, the exhibition's co-curator.

"But it wasn't what the legend says it was."

For one thing, nobody can say precisely what was exchanged.

The only surviving evidence that a deal took place at all, and the centerpiece of the Society's exhibit, is a letter, dated Nov. 5, 1626, written to the governors of the Dutch West Indies Co. by one of its emissaries, Pieter Schagen.

Schagen reports on the health and

well-being of the colonists, how many mink skins they are shipping back to headquarters in Amsterdam.

Amid the data, he drops, almost casually, the following: "Our people ... have bought the island Manhattes from the wildmen for the value of sixty guilders."

This letter, which is in mint condition, was discovered in 1839 by John Broadhead, a secretary to the U.S. ambassador in the Netherlands, who was asked by then-President Martin Van Buren to scour the Dutch Royal Archives for documents on American Colonial history.

Some bean counter of the day calculated that "sixty guilders" would have equaled \$24 in the early 17th century, hence the figure passed down through the ages.

The deed of the sale has not survived, or has never been found anyway (though, in 1920, a clever

forgery was attempted — it, too, is part of the exhibition).

Nor is there any solid evidence that Pieter Minuit or any Indian chiefs personally took part.

However, as the historical society sees it, two things are certain:

First, the Indians who agreed to this deal were not suckers, as the mythical tale makes them out to be.

If the transaction was similar to two others around the same time, for which deeds have been found (and are on display), the goods traded were not just "gay clothing, beads, and brass ornaments," as one textbook chuckles.

They were copper pots, iron knives, wool blankets and tools: the high-tech hardware of the era.

"They weren't trinkets," Sita emphasized. "They were things that were valuable to the Indians."

In addition, the Indians did not think they were selling the land.

"From the Native American point of view," Sita says, "land could not be owned — any more than the sky could be owned — so it could not be bought or sold."

"In their eyes, they were receiving gifts in exchange for letting the Dutch temporarily use the land."

This notion is supported by a letter written in 1659 by Cornelius Melyn, explaining some strange aspects of the Staten Island territory that the Dutch West Indies Co. had "bought" from the Lenape several years earlier.

"It was their custom," Melyn wrote, "that when a new governor came to such a place, that there should be a gratuity given them; thereby to continue the friendship

between the Indians and our

This custom was tolerated while. But, as Sita noted, "it was a source of conflict later on."

The Native Americans' ongoing gifts, and the Dutch's "He, we already paid up."

In short, the Dutch, who thought themselves as spreading European civilization, thought they had bought a gold mine for a mere \$24 while the Lenape, who saw themselves as the guardians of earth, thought they were being offered a bundle from the white man.

No surprise, then, that the mutual illusions crumbled as the equations of power came to the question of ownership was the usual, less picturesque

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# Palo Alto grapples with historic preservation ordinance

Editor's note: This is part two of two parts.

Last week, we explored the origins of Palo Alto's controversy over whether to let stand a strong historic preservation ordinance passed by the city council, and the reasons that preservationists in that university town felt so strongly that such a law is needed.

This week, let's take note of reasons given by those who oppose this ordinance, and what it holds in store for property values.

When the Palo Alto City Council took up debate on a historic preservation ordinance in 1997, most of the initial input came from local preservationists concerned about the growing trend toward demolition of historic homes in their city. After the council ordered a new survey of the city's historic buildings in the fall of 1997, some voices were raised in opposition.

But the debate over historic preservation in Palo Alto really shifted in the summer of 1998. That was when, as senior city planner Virginia Warheit describes it, "some upset property owners waving American flags stormed the City Council's chambers, and said (in essence) 'You're taking away our property rights'."

This split in public opinion reached a climax in June of this year, when the City Council passed a tough preservation ordinance. A group calling itself The Palo Alto Home Owner's Association managed to collect the signatures of enough of the city's residents to get a referendum placed on the ballot to overturn the preservation ordinance.

## Owning a Piece of History



By Mark Wilson

City, homeowners clash over balancing property rights, mandated historic preservation...

This ballot measure will be voted on in the municipal elections of March, 2000.

Craig Woods is president of the Palo Alto Home Owner's Association. I asked him in a telephone interview about the reasons his group opposes the preservation ordinance, and what negative effects they are afraid of if it remains on the books. Woods is vice president of sales and marketing for the Ordinate Corporation, a Palo Alto software startup. He and his wife own a 1924 California bungalow in Palo Alto.

Woods told me he got involved in the preservation controversy after he and his wife hired an architect to design an addition to their two-bedroom bungalow.

Their architect devised a proposal that involved placing an addition out at an angle towards the corner of the lot. The Historic Resources Board rejected the plan as "inappropriate for the style of home."

Craig Woods said he helped found the Palo Alto Homeowner's Association in March, 1998, because he was concerned about the direction the city was heading in towards a permanent and mandatory historic preservation ordinance.



THIS QUEEN ANNE VILLA in Palo Alto's historic 'Professorville' district would seem to be safe from the wrecking ball, but one like it was demolished nearby.

The group got more than 4,000 Palo Alto residents, more than twice the number necessary, to sign a petition to put the city's preservation ordinance to a vote next March.

Basically, Woods' position is that historic preservation and restoration should only be conducted on a strictly voluntary basis.

In Woods' words: "Many residents were already preserving and restoring their older homes, and they resented the way that the city was stepping in and taking control of this process — which had been voluntary for more than 100 years."

"Other newer residents were upset about the ordinance's impact on their homes; that is, making any changes or remodeling more expensive, difficult, and time-consuming than it already is."

"Then there were a lot of senior citizen homeowners," Woods says, "who were concerned about the impact that a mandatory preservation ordinance would have on their own, long-term property values."

Finally, another segment of Palo Alto residents objected to the way

the city allowed this process on over three years, and more than \$1 million of money for consultants, none of which went to any historic buildings.

"Everybody in our community supports preserving history," Woods says, "but how do you define what is historic, and by what set of rules preserve such buildings?"

Wood's group proposed a native preservation ordinance would require the current owner for any property to be on an official historic building list.

The criteria used to place on this list would be the National Register of Historic Places. The city would then provide zoning exemptions, for example, who chose to let their property be placed on the historic building list.

"This alternative was rejected by the city council," Woods said.

When I asked Woods if the city's ordinance would have a negative effect on local property values, he said, "We've already seen a significant number of homes proposed for this preservation ordinance. Nearly 800 buildings have property values hurt."

"When you're talking about zoning regulations, the ordinance would hurt that property."

I pointed out that Virginia Senior City Planner for the

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THIS MODERN, so-called McMansion replaced a smaller home in Palo Alto's historic 'Professorville' district.

## Wilson

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Alto, says that the city's ordinance would in no way prevent homeowners from building additions to houses in the city's preservation list.

Woods replied, "I would dispute that the ordinance doesn't prevent additions or alterations. While it doesn't specifically prohibit them, the sole authority for approving them is placed in the hands of the city planning department, and the Historic Resources Board.

"So these rules remove your right to do these things, and put them into the hands of someone else — which is the fundamental issue here."

### Homeowners must seek city's approval

Virginia Warheit responded to this objection of the ordinance's opponents by pointing out that homeowners in every city in the Bay Area already have to get approval for any alterations or additions to older homes from their city planning departments.

The Palo Alto ordinance, she says, only attempts to lay down a set of

guidelines to determine what type of changes are appropriate for historic buildings.

On the most explosive issue of all, whether a mandatory preservation ordinance was needed to prevent continued demolition of historic buildings in Palo Alto, Woods is clear:

"First of all, only three older homes in the historic district of Palo Alto have been demolished over the past 20 years," he said.

"As for Big Blue, (the 1890s Queen Anne mansion demolished in 1996) it had actually been condemned by the city — possibly at the owner's request — but the point is the city agreed to let it be demolished because it was in poor repair."

"And as for the alleged Julia Morgan designed home (also demolished in 1996) it was never on the city's historic resources inventory. The owners didn't know when they had it demolished whether it was a bona fide Julia Morgan design — no one knew.

"Beyond that, the issue is not whether a certain architect designed a house, but how significant a structure it is. It has to have special characteristics that make it an exemplary historic structure."

So how does Woods stand up to scrutiny by preservationists? They

"The issue is not whether a certain architect designed a house, but how significant a structure it is. It has to have special characteristics that make it an exemplary historic structure."

claim that dozens of historic buildings have been demolished in just the past decade or so, not just three.

As for the city's demolition of Big Blue, Woods has hit the nail on the head, preservationists would say. That's why the city needs a mandatory preservation law, to ensure that such buildings will be restored instead of destroyed.

And what about the Julia Morgan?

There's the rub. If inclusion of a building on a city's historic preservation list is left to the owner's discretion, then there will be no meaningful mechanism by which the community can protect the city's architectural heritage.

That is the purpose of all preservation laws, whether for historic structures or the natural landscape. Their aim is to ensure that the cultural legacy we have inherited from our ancestors will survive for future generations to enjoy.

Finally, as to the question of whether preservation ordinances hurt property values, as an active Realtor in the Bay Area for 15 years, I can say no with confidence.

In Berkeley, which for 25 years has had one of the strongest historic preservation ordinances in the Bay

Area, property values have not been hurt.

In fact, the Berkeley Association of Realtors reported this summer that the median price for an existing three bedroom, two bath single family home in Berkeley increased nearly 27 percent in the first six months of 1999.

If anything, this provides evidence that preservation ordinances actually help increase property values, not decrease them.

The voters of Palo Alto should take this fact into consideration when they vote on their own preservation ordinance next March.

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# Sprawl

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Once a small farm town, Tracy has become home to thousands of Bay Area workers attracted to the abundance of affordable, single-family houses. Tracy grew more than six times California's average rate in 1998, adding 1,000 houses.

"Tracy is the Bay Area's cheap date," said Mark Connolly, a lawyer and farmer leading a drive to halve Tracy's growth rate. "They get the premier jobs, and we get the sprawl."

California faces some of the most daunting numbers in the nation — an additional 15 million people are expected by 2020. About 1 million new residents are expected in the nine-county Bay Area, with four out of 10 coming to Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

Here are some of the California findings in the Sierra Club report:

■ **Transportation planning** — California does not spend enough money on public transit, only \$43 a year per person. That is far lower than Massachusetts and Oregon, which spend \$102 and \$188, respectively. New Jersey is the highest at \$673 per person.

■ **Open space protection** — California got points for the Williamson Act, which allows farmers to pay fewer taxes on productive farmland. But the incentives fail to match large potential profits developers are willing to pay.

■ **Land use planning** — California requires cities and counties to plan for open space, transportation and other effects of growth, but there

are no penalties if they fail. For example, cities must designate land in their general plans for affordable housing, but no penalties exist for those who do not do so.

■ **Community revitalization** — California has failed to invest in its inner cities and urban neighborhoods. As a result, people have been fleeing to the suburbs.

The Home Builders Association of Northern California denounced the Sierra Club report, saying the group's words do not reflect its actions.

"This report is full of smart growth rhetoric, but in the Tri-Valley, the club is supporting initiatives that will encourage sprawl," said Phil Serna, vice president of regional governmental affairs for the builders.

He was referring to controversial voter initiatives in Danville, San Ramon, Livermore and Pleasanton that would mandate voter approval of most housing projects.

A national highway advocacy group, meanwhile, said the report encourages policies that would restrict growth, increase housing prices and result in apartment-style housing. The Road Information Program in Washington wants a blend of more roads, more efficient mass transit and better traffic signals.

"The Sierra Club has identified the right problem but has proposed the wrong solutions," said William Wilkins, executive director of TRIP. "They are trying to control growth through policies that ... will result in loss of freedom for individuals to make decisions for themselves about where to live and work and how to travel."

The good news, according to the report, is that many states are coming up with innovative programs to ease

## HOW DO WE RANK?

The Sierra Club ranks the 50 states in four categories of curbing suburban sprawl. See how California compares:

■ **Open space protection:** No. 1, Maryland; No. 10, California; No. 50, West Virginia.

■ **Land use planning:** No. 1, Oregon; No. 9, California; No. 50, Wyoming.

■ **Transportation planning:** No. 1, Rhode Island; No. 5, California; No. 50, Arkansas.

■ **Community revitalization:** No. 1, Vermont; No. 37, California; No. 50, Louisiana.

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urban sprawl. Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and Oregon got high marks.

But the Sierra Club found that some of the most densely populated areas, among them New York and Pennsylvania, still lag.

Half the states have acted to protect farms, and 20 have easement programs to prevent development of agricultural land, according to the Sierra Club.

Maryland rated tops for protecting open space, with \$140 million earmarked for rural land in the next five years. Under programs implemented since 1969, the state already protected 300,000 acres of farmland and other undeveloped areas.

Eleven states have approved statewide growth-management plans, the Sierra Club said.

Oregon, which in 1973 required communities to map out development within clearly drawn boundaries, was rated first in land-use planning. Oregon also created an elected, regional planning commission in 1978 to coordinate development around Portland. The state once lost 30,000 acres of farmland a year, but the figure has fallen to 2,000 acres a year.

Twenty-one states spent more than half their federal transportation money on new roads, which the Sierra Club criticized as a magnet for sprawl.

But Rhode Island ranked first in transportation planning by expanding its rail, ferry and bus systems. Last year, voters approved bonds to build 50 miles of new bike paths.

One of the goals for reducing sprawl is redeveloping urban areas. Twenty-eight states have so-called "brown fields" programs to clean up industrial sites.

In the same vein, Vermont was praised for a trust fund that helped 10,000 people find affordable housing since 1987. The state also has a 25-year-old law regulating construction of large stores such as Wal-Mart and Kmart that supporters credit with maintaining the character of smaller stores in quaint downtowns. "These states are leading the way," said Carl Pope, Sierra Club's executive director. "Unfortunately, too many other states are dropping the ball."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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 1017 College Av - \$307,500  
 1221 Ct St - \$270,000  
 1241 Garfield Av - \$246,000  
 1241 Hayes Ct - \$519,000  
 1406 High St - \$398,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$261,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$495,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$460,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$505,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$367,000  
 1406 Lafayette St - \$320,000  
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1406 Pierce St #404 - \$247,000  
 1406 Pierce St #263 - \$182,500  
 1406 Plaza Dr - \$1,350,000  
 1406 Thousand Oaks Bl - \$310,000

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1406 Blake St - \$451,000  
 1406 Cedar St - \$303,000  
 1406 Chilton Wy - \$287,000  
 1406 Creston Rd - \$435,000  
 1406 Dwight Wy - \$120,000  
 1406 Dwight Wy - \$255,000  
 1406 Evelyn Av - \$195,000  
 1406 Fulton St - \$567,500  
 1406 Keith Av - \$361,500  
 1406 Le Roy Av - \$625,000  
 1406 MLK Jr Wy - \$370,000  
 1406 MLK Jr Wy - \$305,000  
 1406 Masonic Av - \$165,000  
 1406 Northgate Av - \$369,000  
 1406 Oregon St - \$342,000  
 1406 Piedmont Av - \$561,000  
 1406 Prince St - \$295,000  
 1406 San Luis Rd - \$620,000  
 1406 San Pedro Av - \$427,000  
 1406 Santa Barbara Rd - \$550,000  
 1406 Shasta Rd - \$292,000  
 1406 Virginia St - \$314,500

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1406 Clayton Av - \$204,000  
 1406 Colusa Av - \$280,000  
 1406 Everett St - \$167,000  
 1406 Fern St - \$295,000  
 1406 Hagen Bl - \$310,000  
 1406 Lexington Av #1 - \$116,500  
 1406 Portola Dr - \$190,000  
 1406 Thors Bay Rd - \$595,000

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1406 Allview Av - \$176,000  
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 1406 Hilltop Dr - \$171,500  
 1406 Joan Vista St - \$120,500  
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 1095 66th St - \$135,000  
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 1060 Annerley Rd - \$275,000  
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 480 Hardy St - \$370,000  
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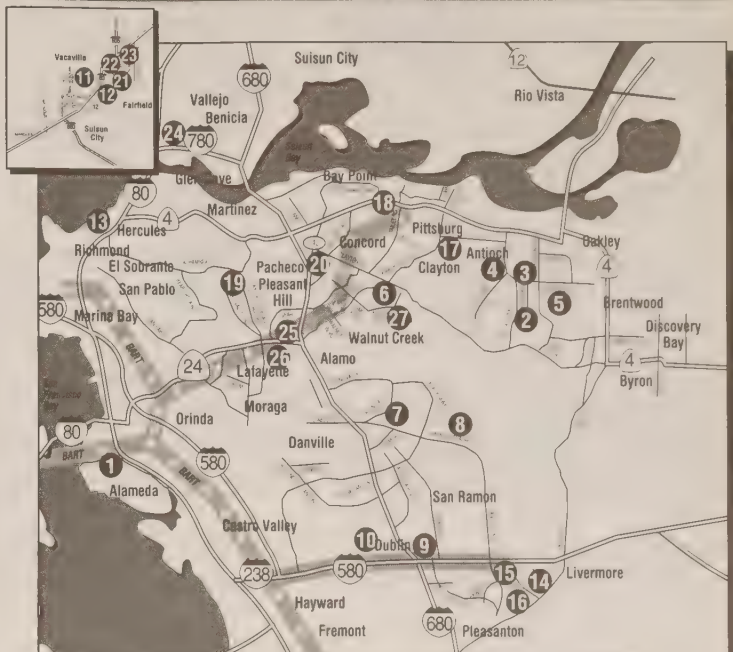
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#### ALAMEDA

| Address & Realty   | Size         | Hours  | Price     |
|--|--------------|--------|-----------|
| 5542 Amy Dr.<br>UPPER HAVENHURST<br>Homes-Link Team (510) 748-5300                   | 3 + bd/2.5ba | 2-4:30 | \$479,000 |
| 257 Cyprian Dr.<br>HARBOR BAY<br>Homes-Link Team (510) 748-5300                      | 4bd/2.5ba    | 2-4:30 | \$470,000 |
| 1509 St. Charles<br>Vince Moran, (510) 339-9290, Prudential                          | 3bd/2ba      | 2-4:30 | \$375,000 |
| 1517 Encinal Ave.<br>CENTRAL, Open Sat/Sun, 2-4:30<br>Homes-Link Team (510) 748-5300 | 2 + bd/1ba   | 2-4:30 | \$329,995 |
| 1351 Fernside Blvd.<br>FERNESIDE<br>Homes-Link Team (510) 748-5300                   | 2bd/1ba      | 2-4:30 | \$259,000 |

#### BERKELEY

| Address & Realty   | Size       | Hours  | Price     |
|--|------------|--------|-----------|
| 1611 Thousand Oaks<br>Pacific Union Joana Gould (510) 339-6460                         | 4bd/2ba    | 2-4    | \$625,000 |
| 817 San Diego Road<br>RED OAK 510-527-3387 X109  | 2 + bd/2ba | 2-4    | \$595,000 |
| 524 The Alameda<br>Teresa Adams, (510) 524-1100 x111, Berkeley Hills Realty            | 3 + bd/2ba | 2-4    | \$595,000 |
| 1910 San Antonio Ave.<br>Halden Chew, (510) 644-5422, Prudential                       | 3bd/2.5ba  | 2-5    | \$535,000 |
| 617 Vistamar<br>Prudential CA Realty Terence Jue 510-524-2526                          | 3 + bdrm.  | 2-4    | \$475,000 |
| 1111 Grizzly Peak Blvd.<br>Barbara Connelin, (510) 524-1700 x28, Berkeley Hills Realty | 3bd/2ba    | 2-4    | \$375,000 |
| 1712 Beverly Pl.<br>Cynthia Boaz, (510) 845-0211, Prudential                           | 2 bd-ba    | 2-4:30 | \$269,000 |
| 1830 Cedar<br>VINTAGE COTTAGE<br>Held & Jerry Long (510) 835-6212, Coldwell Banker     | 2bd/1.5ba  | 2-4    | \$259,000 |
| 5200 Tremont St.<br>L. Asari, Templan, (510) 662-2133 x122                             | 2bd/1ba    | 2-4    | \$185,000 |

#### EL CERRITO

| Address & Realty   | Size      | Hours | Price     |
|--|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 6315 Barnett<br>Herman Sun (510) 527-9111, 559-2929<br>Marvin Gardens R.E. | 4bd/3.5ba | 2-4   | \$379,000 |

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| Address & Realty  | Size    | Hours  | Price     |
|---|---------|--------|-----------|
| 3206 Tremont St.<br>L. Asari, Templan, (510) 662-2133 x122                              | 2bd/1ba | 2-4    | \$185,000 |
| 2636 Yuba Ave.<br>Prudential CA Realty Richard Berman 510-628-6123                      | 2 bdrm. | 2-4    | \$274,900 |
| 2760 Arlington<br>Aparna Mandi 510-527-8800, Prudential CA Realty,<br>El Cerrito Office | 2bd/1ba | 2-4:30 | \$249,900 |

#### EL SOBRANTE

| Address & Realty   | Size    | Hours | Price     |
|--|---------|-------|-----------|
| 5405 Glenwood Dr.<br>Barrell Noh (510) 527-9111, 559-2905, Marvin Gardens R.E. | 4bd/3ba | 2-4   | \$385,888 |

#### EMERYVILLE

| Address & Realty   | Size         | Hours  | Price     |
|--|--------------|--------|-----------|
| 1043 47th St.<br>Shirley Lee Shearer, Broker, (510) 945-2700 | 3 + bd/1.5ba | 2-4:30 | \$339,000 |

#### KENSINGTON

| Address & Realty   | Size    | Hours | Price     |
|--|---------|-------|-----------|
| 7996 Terrace Dr.<br>Ruth Frassetto, Templan, (510) 652-2133 x147 | 4bd/2ba | 2-4   | \$429,000 |

#### MONTCLAIR

| Address & Realty                                      | Size     | Hours  | Price     |
|---|----------|--------|-----------|
| 6868 Chambers Dr.<br>510-444-3766, Dan Walker Propts. | 3 bd/2ba | 2-4:30 | \$449,000 |

#### OAKLAND

| Address & Realty   | Size      | Hours | Price       |
|--|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 5616 La Salle Ave.<br>LA SALLE ESTATES<br>Debra Dryden, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400 | bd-ba     | 2-5   | \$2,750,000 |
| 6510 Pineapple Dr.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Pacific Union Ann Nichols (510) 339-6460          | 4bd/3ba   | 2-4   | \$1,175,000 |
| 6191 Virgo Rd.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Pacific Union Francis Heath (510) 339-6460            | 4bd/3.5ba | 2-4   | \$1,089,000 |

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|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 106 Maxwellton Rd.<br>PIEDMONT<br>Suzanne Yamamoto (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                   | 3 + bd--     | 2-4:30    | \$948,000 |
| 217 Gravett Dr.<br>Pacific Union Vicki Woodhead (510) 339-6460                                       | 4bd/3.5b     | 2-4       | \$879,000 |
| 76 Lakeview Ave.<br>TWO STORY MONTEREY COLONIAL<br>Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400   | 4 + bd/3ba   | 2-4:30    | \$829,000 |
| 1045 Aquarius Way<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Nahid Kassar, Better Homes, (510) 531-1670                         | 3 + bd/2.5ba | 2-4:30    | \$749,000 |
| 5454 Fernhoff Rd.<br>1.5 ACRE PROPERTY<br>Nati Buchholz, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400                | 3bd/2.5ba    | 2-4:30    | \$749,000 |
| 6363 Contra Costa<br>UPPER ROCKRIDGE<br>Phyllis Wherry (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker               | 5bd--        | 2:00-4:30 | \$725,000 |
| 6629 Exeter Dr.<br>PIEDMONT PINES<br>Ellen Lancaster (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                 | 4bd--        | 2:00-4:30 | \$689,000 |
| 6350 Contra Costa Rd.<br>UPPER ROCKRIDGE<br>Mary Ruth Armstrong (510) 339-9290, Prudential CA Realty | 4bd/4ba      | 2-4:30    | \$669,000 |
| 2053 Bywood Dr.<br>BARBARA, WOHL-LUTTRINGER, (510) 865-9343  | 4bd/4.5ba    | 1-5       | \$649,000 |
| 5631 Fernhoff Rd.<br>JUST OFF SKYLINE<br>Donald Grubb, Jr., The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400             | 3bd/3.5ba    | 2-4:30    | \$629,500 |
| 120 Calvert Ct.<br>PRICE SLASHED<br>Suzanne Ford, Jr., The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400                  | 3 + bd/2ba   | 2-4:30    | \$629,000 |
| 996 Rosemont<br>Angela Lawson, La Salle Properties (510) 997-1075                                    | 3bd/2.5b     | 2-4:30    | \$599,000 |
| 26 Ascal Ct.<br>Pacific Union Teri Carls (510) 339-6460  | 4bd/3ba      | 2-4       | \$589,000 |
| 34 Calvert Ct.<br>PIEDMONT<br>Pacific Union Nick Cohen (510) 339-6460                                | 3bd/2ba      | 2-4       | \$569,000 |
| 5655 Buena Vista Ave.<br>UPPER ROCKRIDGE<br>Joan Athard (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker              | 3bd--        | 2-5       | \$549,000 |

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| 4140 39th Ave.<br>REDWOOD HEIGHTS<br>Ruby Ng (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                            | 4 + bd--  | 2-4:30    | \$538,500 |
| 6786 Pinehaven Rd.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Emily Lang (510) 339-9290, Prudential CA Realty                      | 3bd/2ba   | 2-4:30    | \$535,000 |
| 80 Evergreen Ln.<br>Lyle Harris (510) 287-2521, Prudential CA Realty                                    | 4bd/2ba   | 2-4:30    | \$519,000 |
| 5027 Buena Vista Ave.<br>Pacific Union Joan Hasso (510) 339-6460  | 3bd/2ba   | 2-4       | \$488,000 |
| 4200 Coolidge<br>Jan Nell La Salle Properties (510) 339-8900  | 4bd/4ba   | 2-4:30    | \$475,000 |
| 56 Wildwood Ave.<br>NEW LISTING<br>Jean Simmons, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400                           | 3 + bd-ba | 2-4:30    | \$459,000 |
| 1633 Trestle Glen<br>CROCKER HIGHLANDS<br>Karen Lam (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                     | 5bd--     | 2-4:30    | \$448,000 |
| 5924 Morzani Ave.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Celia Concas, (510) 527-9211, Millennium & Assoc. R.E.                | 3bd/2.5ba | 2-4:30    | \$445,000 |
| 5251 Masonic Ave.<br>BYPASS ROCKRIDGE<br>Michael Thompson (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker               | 2bd--     | 2-4:30    | \$439,000 |
| 5959 Westover Dr.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Pacific Union Teri Carls (510) 339-6460                               | 2bd/2.5b  | 2-4       | \$439,000 |
| 11343 Golf Links<br>1 + ACRE, zoned for horses.<br>Chang & Hardeman Realty, Ramona Chang (510) 492-3800 | 3bd/1.5ba | 2-4:30    | \$425,000 |
| 366-61st<br>ROCKRIDGE<br>Terry Kulla (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                                    | 2bd--     | 1:00-6:00 | \$425,000 |
| 2259 Mastlands Dr.<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Evelyn Walker (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                        | 2bd--     | 2:00-4:00 | \$399,000 |
| 2569 Hollywood Dr.<br>SIBRENE & PRIVATE<br>Josephine O'Shaughnessy, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400        | bd-ba     | 2-4:30    | \$399,000 |
| 280 Mather<br>PIEDMONT AVE<br>Pacific Union Donna Dehard (510) 339-6460                                 | 3bd/2ba   | 2-4       | \$395,000 |

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| 241 Capricorn<br>MONTCLAIR<br>Nancy Nowan, Templan, (510) 652-2133 x124                            | 2 + bd/3ba | 2-4:30    | \$369,000 |
| 4048 Coolidge Ave<br>LINCOLN HEIGHTS<br>Rachel Bolter (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker              | 2bd--      | 2-4:30    | \$329,000 |
| 941 Warfield Ave.<br>GRAND-LAKESHORE<br>Lynne Battle (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker               | 2 + bd--   | 2-4:30    | \$319,000 |
| 4460 View Place<br>PIEDMONT AVE<br>Vicky Faulk (510) 339-4700, Coldwell Banker                     | 2bd--      | 1:00-5:00 | \$315,000 |
| 720 Sayre Dr.<br>Open Sunday, Realty Advocates 510-428-0757  | 3bd/2ba    | 2-4:30    | \$299,000 |
| 2614 Camino Lenado<br>Carol Cohen La Salle Properties (510) 339-8900                               | 2bd/1ba    | 2-4:30    | \$299,000 |
| 498 Jean St.<br>Richard Muth (510) 834-2010, Prudential CA Realty                                  | 3bd/3ba    | 2-4:30    | \$295,000 |
| 1321 Bates Rd.<br>CROCKER HIGHLANDS<br>Charlotte Claybaugh, Better Homes, (510) 287-9595           | 2bd/1ba    | 2-4:30    | \$289,000 |
| 6900 Chambers Dr.<br>Pacific Union Patricia Scott (510) 339-6460                                   | 3bd/2ba    | 2-4       | \$289,000 |
| 3351 Madera Ave.<br>David Otero (510) 339-9290, Prudential CA Realty                               | 3bd/2ba    | 2-4:30    | \$259,000 |
| 2929 Delaware<br>Tara Banks (510) 835-6088, Prudential CA Realty                                   | 2bd/4a     | 2-4:30    | \$209,000 |
| 330 Vernon St. #102<br>ADAMS POINT CONDO<br>Angela Wei Grubb, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400         | 2bd/2ba    | 2-4:30    | \$175,500 |
| 760 Canyon Oaks Dr. #C<br>CONDO IN MAGICAL HILL SETTING<br>Ed Kuo, The GRUBB Co. (510) 339-0400    | 2bd/2ba    | 2-4:30    | \$175,000 |
| 500 Vernon #310<br>Gene Berman (510) 339-9290, Prudential CA Realty                                | 2bd/2ba    | 2-4:30    | \$169,000 |
| 7614 Greenly Dr.<br>Nati Meyer (510) 339-9290, Prudential CA Realty                                | 1bd/1ba    | 2-4:30    | \$168,500 |
| 5429 Roberts<br>MAXWELL PARK-Charming Bungalow<br>Brian Smith (510) 834-2010, Prudential CA Realty | 2bd/1ba    | 2-4:30    | \$159,000 |
| 320 Leo St. #230<br>Tom Erwin La Salle Properties (510) 339-8900                                   | 1bd/1ba    | 2-4:30    | \$155,000 |

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| 2807 Eastman Ave.<br>MAXWELL PARK<br>Diane 510-626-5273, RED OAK 510-527-3387 | 2 bd-ba | 2-4:30 | \$149,000 |
| 3715 Neill St.<br>Juan Simmons (510) 834-2010, Prudential                     | 2bd/4a  | 2-4:30 | \$139,000 |
| 3804 Marion Ave.<br>Lisa Y. Young (510) 869-6991, Prudential                  | 2bd/4a  | 2-4:30 | \$139,000 |

#### PINOLE

| Address & Realty  | Size    | Hours  | Price     |
|---|---------|--------|-----------|
| 1220 Bayview Farm Rd.<br>Carol Powell 510-527-4888, Prudential<br>El Cerrito Office | 3bd/3ba | 2-4:30 | \$299,000 |

#### RICHMOND

| Address & Realty  | Size    | Hours  | Price     |
|---|---------|--------|-----------|
| 5120 Prather<br>Melissa Emsberg (510) 527-9111, Marvin Gardens R.E.                           | 2bd/4a  | 2-4:30 | \$299,000 |
| 543 South 18th St.<br>OPEN SAT. only 12-3. Accord Realty<br>Kathy Bartholomew, (510) 628-4777 | 2bd/1ba | 2-4:30 | \$279,000 |
| 656 2nd St.<br>OPEN SAT. only 12-3. Accord Realty<br>Kathy Bartholomew, (510) 628-4777        | 2bd/1ba | 2-4:30 | \$279,000 |

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| Address & Realty  | Size       | Hours  | Price     |
|---|------------|--------|-----------|
| 1216 Marin Ave.<br>RICHMOND VIEW/SAN PABLO<br>Juliana Weyberg (510) 559-1444 (415) 351-1444 | 2 + bd/2ba | 2-4:30 | \$299,000 |

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| Address & Realty   | Size    | Hours  | Price     |
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| 2909 Millbridge Dr.<br>Ellie Bowles, (925) 339-2958, Elie Bowles | 4bd/2ba | 2-4:30 | \$299,000 |

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# Creeks

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East Bay as dozens of community-based groups raise awareness and work parties through their mostly volunteer ranks.

"There are so many remnant patches of creeks throughout the Bay Area, and they're reminiscent of how bountiful the San Francisco Bay used to be," says Kathy Kramer.

She would know. As executive director of the Aquatic Outreach Institute in Richmond, Kramer has received state and local funding to not only literally take the temperature of East Bay creeks but also work to recreate creeks' native habitats through restoration and education programs.

If you're in doubt that you live near a creek, echoes Pam Romo, ask a bunch of your 10-year-old neighbors. "They're the experts. They'll be able to tell you where your creek is and exactly what's living in it," says Romo, president of the Walnut Creek-based Friends of the Creek.

Romo, who lives near Tice Creek in southwest Walnut Creek, has her own neighborhood "experts" come knocking on her door periodically with their discoveries, perhaps a salamander or tales of the fish in residence at Tice Creek.

For Oakland resident and Friends of Sausal Creek member Mike Mannix, creekside living has been a part of his life his entire life. "My parents chose to live here — they bought the place in 1954."

After inheriting the home, Mannix still chooses to live there, finding little else than obvious pleasure in living on the banks of the Sausal Creek in the Dimond District.

"It's green there year round and it makes you feel good when you go out there (and listen) to the sounds as it trickles down," he says.

The creek forms the property line between his neighbors, and Mannix says that's better than looking at a neighboring home or fence.

Also, in the spring and summer Mannix enjoys the company of different species of birds, including Mallard ducks.

Janet Broughton thinks so much of living on Sausal Creek that she's lived there not once but twice. "Yes, we moved downstream, as we like to say, in 1990," she admits. "Nothing can beat the chance to see and listen to the water as it moves, and watch the changes it undergoes with the seasons."

However enamored, Broughton does say creekside living has its downside. "There is a negative and that would be mud." When large winter storms bring heavy rains through the deeply incised canyons, erosion brings mud down the creek.

"The water can come tearing through and the water can rise rapidly. We are concerned about major earth movements as well as trees toppling from the creekbanks."

A Codornices Creek resident in Berkeley, Susan Schwartz agrees that she thinks about that possibility, but explains homeowners have to be aware. "This (creek) movement is a natural thing. If you pay attention, this is not a problem."

"The most wonderful thing is simply hearing the creek through your bedroom window at night," she gushes. Schwartz, who is co-president of Friends of Five Creeks, has lived on her creekside property near Live Oak Park for 16 years. The

creek was a primary reason she bought the house.

What can you do if you find your creek is anything but a neighborhood asset? The first and foremost thing, as you'll hear from these and other creek restoration groups, is to get involved. Join a creek restoration group or simply make it a point to pick up the garbage that you see on your morning walk.

Berkeley architect John Rolf Hatlam contributed to this story.

Here are steps everyone can take to help protect creeks and watersheds:

## Automotive

■ Recycle your motor oil. Many creek groups and local government agencies offer free oil recycling kits.

■ Wash your car on the lawn so soapy runoff does not go into storm drains. Better yet, use a commercial car wash.

■ Keep your car in tune and fix any leaks.

## Household

■ Switch to less toxic cleaning products, and use alternative, inexpensive cleansers such as borax, baking soda, or vinegar mixed with lemon and water.

■ Dispose of trash properly, being mindful to recycle and compost properly what you can. Lawn and Garden: Sweep leaves away from the creek. Compost or use the green yard trimmings car for curbside recycling.

■ Divert rain spouts and garden hoses from paved surfaces onto grass so the water can filter through the soil.

■ If you must use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, use them sparingly. Do not overwater or apply if rain is forecast.

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MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$320,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$362,794

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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$182,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,350,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$247,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$522,375

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$120,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$625,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$342,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$373,205

## CLAYTON

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$116,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$595,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$204,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$269,688

## EL Sobrante

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$120,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$285,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$165,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$178,000

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$119,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$279,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$130,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$171,375

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$400,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$400,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$400,000

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TOTAL SALES: 93  
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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$772,500  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$175,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$222,392

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4  
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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$695,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$500,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$566,000

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TOTAL SALES: 46  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$90,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$749,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$175,000

## AVERAGE AMOUNT

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$100,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$100,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$100,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$100,000

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 1  
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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$100,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$100,000  
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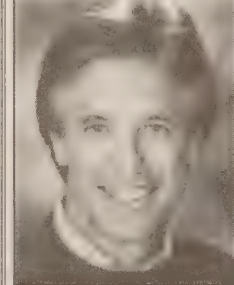
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Between the Lines

## A taste of American soccer

Thinking back to my childhood, I recall those times when my sister, my cousins, our parents and I would gather for meals with our Italian-born grandparents.

My grandmother — we called her "nonni" — prepared the meal, which usually featured homemade pasta or polenta covered with homemade gravy. Nothing could beat it. Restaurants might have served similar dishes, but they prepared their meals to satisfy the "Americani." Their food wasn't the same as nonni's.

As it is with food, so it is with soccer. I've followed soccer for many years, and as a fan, there is nothing like seeing the game at its artful, most exciting best.

Modern players who best exemplify great soccer include Brazil's Ronaldo and Rivaldo, Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta, Italy's Roberto Baggio and France's Zinedine Zidane, the hero of last year's World Cup. These are among the players who exude a certain passion, love and flair for the game. Their style of play is inspiring — infectious, even — and makes soccer exciting and well worth watching.

American soccer, in contrast, is — well, American soccer. Despite the success of the U.S. Women's World Cup team and the continuing improvement of the U.S. men's team, there is still a huge drop in talent below the national level.

As a case in point, think of Major League Soccer. Where would the league be without such foreign stars as Marco Etcheverry, Jaime Moreno or Carlos Valderrama? Nonexistent, probably.

A soccer executive once told me that American people won't pay to see one group of Americans play another group of Americans. And he is right. Typically, the American method of play ("style" seems inappropriate here) is often colorless and lacking in spontaneity and imagination. It doesn't make for a great sporting spectacle.

Unlike the top soccer countries, the United States has no real stars. And among the fans, love and passion for the sport doesn't exist in this country the way it does in those places where soccer is king. Where an affinity does exist, it does so mostly among recent immigrants and those who maintain a strong ethnic identity.

American soccer is, thus, a two-faced animal. One face belongs to that of the immigrant-ethnic contingent, the other to the mainstream. The two are quite distinguishable.

Go to any park. When I bring my son to a park close to where we live, we often see people playing pickup soccer games. Except for one instance of a group of Eastern European immigrants, the people playing are invariably Hispanic. I have yet to witness a mainstream white kid or young adult kicking a ball around. For that matter, I have yet to see an African-American or Asian-American do the same.

In spite of some arguments to the contrary, the American mainstream just doesn't have the same zest for soccer that it does for other sports.

Perhaps young people get over-coached. Once, while covering a youth match, I saw some fine play between two teams of 13- and 14-year-old kids. But on an adjoining field, I witnessed a group of young Hispanic adults just dribbling and passing the ball around. They were having fun — so much fun that I almost wanted to join them. As for the 13- and 14-year-old kids, some of the fun seemed to have been drained from them.

Of course, the variations of American soccer are most visible at school competitions. In my 10 years of covering prep sports, I have witnessed these variations. Moreover, we who cover high school sports for a living tend to develop a pretty good social barometer for both the sport and the schools themselves.

Until coming to the Hills Newspapers last November, my writing career

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THE HOT SUN silhouettes runners at the league super meet last week. St. Mary's boys and girls both won the varsity races at Joaquin Miller Park.

## Panthers sweep up

St. Mary's boys and girls win the opening cross country meet at Joaquin Miller

By Peter Mentor

St. Mary's High runners might have felt a little snakebit last year, so the Panthers must feel great about what happened last week at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland.

For the first time ever both the St. Mary's boys and girls cross country teams won both varsity races in the first of three Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League super meets.

The Panthers boys have won league meets (and titles) before, but the girls had a series of near misses last year with three second-place finishes by a total of five points at the three league meets.

This time around the St. Mary's boys

and girls ran past the competition to take a huge step toward winning a league title.

"It's a major step up for us to get all the teams together and win," said St. Mary's girls coach Denis Mohun. "It's always good to win the first one. It's great to start off with a victory."

It's especially good to do it on the home course of Piedmont High, one of the major competitors in the ACCAL. The Joaquin Miller course is the hardest of the three and the next hardest is St. Mary's home course of Tilden Park, which is the last of the three meets.

The league title is decided by how teams finish at the three all-team league meets, which have taken the place of the

old dual meet system.

All the league teams compete in each meet and they are each assessed points for their overall team placement, with one point going to the winner, two for second place and so on. The team with the lowest point total of the three meets wins the league title.

St. Mary's hit the equivalent of two holes-in-one by winning both varsity races. Piedmont placed second in the girls and boys varsity races.

Alameda finished third in the boys race and had no team result in girls race because two runners were injured. The Hornets girls will be assessed four points

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## Cougars, Gauchos run for fun

By Peter Mentor

It wasn't exactly fun in the sun last week at the first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League cross country meet, but it turned out to be a good time for the El Cerrito and Albany High teams.

Sure, the heat of the day made racing the 3-mile Joaquin Miller Park course in Oakland a tough one for the runners. But these two teams have taken a cavalier attitude toward competing.

"Our goal for this season is our goal for every season, is to have a good time and not get hurt," said El Cerrito coach Sandra Rider. "Football at El Cerrito is so important we have trouble fielding four teams. If it's not fun we don't attract athletes."

El Cerrito was able to field three full teams — two varsity and two junior varsity — at the ACCAL meet last week and Rider said she will have four teams at the next two meets.

The Lady Gauchos placed fourth in the first meet with 70 points. St. Mary's won it with 22 points and Piedmont placed second at 36 points.

Last year the El Cerrito girls varsity team had a large contingent of freshmen who now have a year under their belts. Sophomores Julietta Strauss and Bobbie Habbas placed the Lady Gauchos. Strauss placed 17th overall in 28 minutes, 16 seconds and Habbas was 20th in 32:18.

Alejandra Perez, a junior, came in 21st in 32:24 and junior Ada Mayer was 22nd at 32:51.

Juniors Allison Post, Natalie Faulkner and her twin sister Carrie Faulkner placed 23rd through 25th out of 26 runners.

Albany did not field a varsity girls team and staying injury-free didn't happen either. Senior Marion Adams sprained her ankle and she is going through rehabilitation to get back on the trails.

The Cougars did have a junior varsity runner in freshman Liz Nutt, who is progressing as a runner.

Albany coach Mark Hutt has the same idea as Rider in his approach to his runners.

"What I am trying to do for the kids



RUDY VASQUEZ passes by onlookers on his way to a third-place finish at the first of three ACCAL league meets.

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# Gauchos give up TD, then trounce Jets

El Cerrito High football doesn't flinch when pesky Encinal Jets buzz around in first quarter

By Bill Kruissink

Say this for Encinal High School: on Saturday afternoon, the Jets acquitted themselves quite well against one of the top football teams in the East Bay.

Playing the El Cerrito Gauchos in breezy conditions at Willie Stargell Field, the host Jets scored the first points of the game and led until late in the first period.

They didn't score again — and lost 50-8 — but they did keep coming. And the Gauchos (4-0 overall, 2-0 in the ACCAL) knew they'd been in a game.

"I wanted to come in today focused — not take Encinal lightly," said El Cerrito coach Frank Milo. "And then they got that first touchdown and it got us back on our heels. But we came back and started playing good defense."

That first touchdown. Let's see, that was by a guy with whom island fans are little acquainted. In fact, he was making his debut as a Jet.

And seemingly, Skyline transfer DeVonn Harding had no sooner cleared his paperwork than he was in the end zone for six points.

Following a 5-yard penalty against El Cerrito (the first of 11 penalties marked off against El Cerrito), Harding found a small hole around the Encinal 40 on the Jets' first play from scrimmage.

A senior, Harding muscled left, then shot to the right, streaking down the sideline for a 60-yard touchdown. Minutes later, quarterback Jimmy Olson carried a fake kick into the end zone for two points after the touchdown and an 8-0 lead.

"My linemen were playing hard," Harding said. "They gave me a good hole — the 30 trap — and all I had to do was just run."

Well, there was more to his run than that — and he was to prove it again before the final buzzer — but for the moment the Jets had the lead and that was all that was important.

## Mighty Gauchos

The problem was, the Jets (0-3-1, 0-2-1) were playing one of the top offenses in the Bay Area. One or two touchdowns is never enough against a monster offense like this.

On their second play from scrimmage, the Gauchos broke running back David Rose loose from the Encinal 42. He scored with 11:20 to go in

the first period, drawing the Gauchos to 8-6 of the Jets.

After Encinal went three-and-out, El Cerrito took over on the Encinal 31 (a high snap led to a short, left-foot kick by the resilient Erik Kingston). El Cerrito quarterback Joe McBride, who was under pressure the entire game, missed three consecutive passes, before unloading to wide receiver Jason Washington on fourth-and-10, striking for 19 yards and a first down.

But the Jets showed a little-seen toughness, twice stopping Rose for short gains, then having Harding sack McBride for a 6-yard loss.

"They put pressure on our quarterback," Milo said. "Good thing Joe has the ability to avoid a tackler at times."

The Jets, however, found points hard to come by, while the Gauchos soon found a groove.

"We were calm," Rose said. "There's still a lot room for improvement, but we never lost our cool."

El Cerrito scored on its next series, McBride hitting wide receiver Ricky Gatewood for a 6-yard touchdown pass and a 12-8 lead with 3:23 to go in the first period.

Then Rose scored from the 2 just 2 1/2 minutes into the second period. McBride ran the ball in for the two-point conversion and the Gauchos were up 20-8.

For its part, Encinal failed to move the ball throughout the half. The Jets pretty much checked the Gauchos with their defense, but failed to score with their offense.

Then, with 1:47 to go in the half, Gauchos running back Okoro Onyike finished off a 70-yard drive with a 20-yard run, racing into the end zone for a 26-8 lead.

The Gauchos began pulling away. "I was concerned at the half," Milo said.

As well he should. The Encinal defense held his team scoreless in the third quarter. Plus, the Gauchos racked up a bunch of penalties, allowing the Jets to operate in good field position.

And once, Harding gave the Jets excellent field position. With 6:14 to go in the third period, Harding busted through El Cerrito's line and into its backfield, where he found the field wide open. He zipped 71 yards before being hauled down by a speedy Laronn Gray at the 9.

"My head was back and I was going as fast as I could," Harding said. "I'm not in as good of shape as I should be."

The run pushed Harding over the 100-yard mark — the first Jets to rush for more than 100 yards in a game this season.

The next four runs, by three different running backs (Walter Scott gained 6 on one carry), could only get the ball to the 1, where the Gauchos took over.

And beginning at their own 1, the Gauchos marched 99 yards, getting a 10-yard gain by Onyike, a 64-yard pass from McBride to Washington, a 15-yarder from McBride to Andrew Kosel and, finally, a 2-yard run across the goal line by Rose.

Though the Gauchos had a couple more touchdowns in them, the Jets came away feeling they'd played a solid game. For a team still looking for its first win, well, it was a start.

"We did the little things; blocking, catching the ball," Harding said. "We know we can contend with everybody now."

## Post game stats

Rose carried the ball a whopping 25 times, gaining 220 yards. Team-mate Onyike, who appears to take extreme pleasure in connecting with defensive backs, rambled 134 yards on 13 carries.

El Cerrito quarterback McBride completed 11 passes for 186 yards.

"We have a balanced team this year," Rose said. "We pass a lot, we run a lot. You can't stop one person."

"We can score points," Milo added.

The Jets' Harding wound up with 152 yards on just nine carries. He ran for three of the Jets' four first downs.

**FLAGS OVER STARGELL ...** The Gauchos committed 11 penalties for 105 yards. Mostly committed on offense, the Jets were not able to make much of them.

Still ... "That's a big concern," Milo said. "That's something we'll have to talk about during the week."

**UP NEXT ...** El Cerrito hosts Piedmont (3-1) on Friday night at 7:30. The Highlanders beat Albany 33-6 last week and they have a 38-34 victory over St. Mary's from two weeks ago. Piedmont's win over the Panthers came when St. Mary's running back Eddie Smith was unable to play the second half of the game after a huge first half.

show plenty of passion in letting me know about it.

While it wasn't my intent to single out either the Head-Royce or the Skyline kids, the scrimmage they held showcased the two distinct attitudes toward soccer I mentioned earlier in this column. To have said differently would have been just pure baloney.

I will admit that the level of soccer in the United States has improved greatly in the past 10 years. Though the United States is still not up with the elite countries of the world, it is gaining on them. Perhaps the United States will someday win a men's World Cup — maybe even by 2010 as some have predicted.

First, it must make the best use of all its resources. Promising players currently on the outside looking in must be brought into the mainstream. American soccer sorely needs the influence and knowledge of more Latino coaches, too.

Maybe someday, all Americans will share a passion for the game. By then, maybe American soccer will no longer be a two-headed monster. But if none of this happens, "American" soccer — no matter how skilled the players — will be as exciting as frozen pizza.

(25:20) came in 43rd, just ahead of three Albany runners. EC sophomore Evan Horowitz (28:42) placed 50th.

The Gauchos boys varsity was without sophomore D'Allen Britton and junior Jason Merritt.

Britton, the No. 2 runner on the varsity, placed second in the junior varsity race at 14:05 over the 2-mile course. He will move up to varsity at the next league meet.

Merritt had to work on that Wednesday, which is not the usual day for the league races, but this one was switched from Thursday.

The El Cerrito runners were splashing each other with water from their bottles during the race. It was a hot day and they were all smiles on the sidelines.

"The course is very difficult," said Rider. "A couple of our girls had to backtrack. We should have better times at the Point Pinole race."

That race is Oct. 14 on a much flatter course than Joaquin Miller

# Berkeley plays SRV to 20-20

By Curtis Pashelka

BERKELEY — Brett Visintainer looked about as confident as a kicker could be in a pressure situation. He waved confidently to his teammates and even motioned toward the Berkeley sideline.

But as time expired, his 30-yard field goal attempt went wide right, giving the Yellowjackets a surprising 20-20 tie with San Ramon Valley on Friday in the first East Bay Athletic League game for both teams.

The Wolves (3-0-1) did not look as if they would get the chance to win the game. They took the ball over at their own 29-yard line with 1:18 left.

But on their second play from scrimmage, Kevin Lloyd caught a 29-yard pass from Billy Robinson. Then Brandon Sherman ran off tackle for 10 more yards.

After four more running plays generated 20 more yards, Visintainer lined up to kick with 2.6 seconds left. His kick sailed wide as time elapsed, and

Visintainer took a heavy hit on the play, but no flag was thrown.

"We knew that they were going to be a tough team to beat. Their regular quarterback was back, and they had something to prove," San Ramon Valley coach Dave Kravitz said.

The Yellowjackets' (0-2-1) regular quarterback was Jason Washington, a St. Mary's transfer who was forced to miss the first two games of the season because of transfer rules.

Berkeley tried to use Washington's arm to start the game. Its fourth play was a 21-yard pass to Erik Turner, which was 12 yards more than the Yellowjackets had passed for all season. However, Washington threw three interceptions, and was only 3 of 13 for 63 yards.

"I kind of struggled a little bit in the first half, but two of those interceptions were tipped," Washington said.

After Yellowjackets kicker Jamie Bloomsburgh opened the scoring with a 34-yard field goal in the first quar-

ter, the Wolves replied with points in the second.

Ryan Lyman grooved a 59-yard punt out of the end zone for a safety with 6:56 left in the half. Three minutes later, Bloomsburgh booted a 29-yard field goal six seconds left in the second quarter. From Robinson to give the Wolves a 13-3 halftime lead.

On their first possession in the second half, the Yellowjackets scored on a 59-yard punt from Robinson to give the Wolves a 13-3 halftime lead.

Then Bloomsburgh booted a 59-yard punt from Robinson to give the Wolves a 13-3 halftime lead. After the Berkeley defense forced a punt, the Yellowjackets played the 20-13 with 10:46 remaining. Sherman rambled 51 yards in the middle of their first play.

San Ramon Valley's fumble and got the Wolves a 4:08 left as Sherman ran 40 yards out for the score.

# Smith's confidence returns

Panther running back scores four TD's, gains 246 yards

By Scott Strain

The St. Mary's High football team limped off the field Saturday afternoon, bruised and beaten up, but came away with a 40-0 victory over Alameda High in a game that did a lot to restore its confidence.

That confidence had been shaken somewhat by a last-minute 38-34 loss at Piedmont last week, but the hapless Hornets were not the Highlanders.

Once again, it was St. Mary's Eddie Smith who led the way, gaining 246 yards on 20 carries and scoring four touchdowns.

Like he did against Piedmont, Smith scored the first time he touched the ball, this time running 51 yards just 1:08 into the first period. Alameda had taken the opening kickoff and gone three and out and St. Mary's took over at its own 49. Then Smith

got the ball.

"That first touchdown was a big boost to my confidence," said Smith, who had battled a bout with the flu against Piedmont. "I run with confidence — I need it. I was feeling it running for the touchdown."

Smith showed no aftereffects of his illness, playing the entire game on a warm day in Berkeley.

"He ran well today and we were healthy," Panthers coach Dan Shaughnessy said. "We had only 17 players last week and we were hurting. We got better during the week and I think that showed in how we played."

Smith also had touchdown runs of 5, 5, and 10 yards and also had a 55-yarder called back due to a holding penalty just before the first half ended. Smith now has 730 yards rushing in four games and has scored nine touchdowns.

St. Mary's quarterback Michael

Smith completed seven passes for 110 yards and threw three passes of 15 yards to Phil and 38 to Connor Banks.

The St. Mary's defense, anemic Alameda offense for most of the game and never threatened to make it, gaining only 166 yards in the game. "We hurt St. Mary's every year," Alameda coach Mark Stantz said. "We were trying to limping off the field. We are. We've got to make adjustments and we're going to."

The Panthers' next game is at 3:30 p.m. at Albany. Smith comes El Cerrito on Oct. 15. chos flattened the Panthers year and are loaded again. son. In fact, the Gauchos have the best balanced offense in the East Bay, averaging about 20 yards per game.

# Panthers

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for failing to finish as a team.

## Girls win

Only three full teams ran in the girls race and El Cerrito wasn't a factor among the top two teams. This meet really came down to St. Mary's and Piedmont and the Panther girls won it handily, 22-36. El Cerrito was third at 79.

St. Mary's was paced by sophomore Bridget Duffy, who figured she had a good shot at winning the race when she went ahead of last year's three-race winner Sarah Walker.

But Piedmont senior Mary Phelps, a first-year runner for the Highlanders, was right with Duffy the entire race. Phelps kicked it in for the win at 24 minutes, 35 seconds. Duffy placed second at 24:49.

"I was going to keep behind her and try to catch up on the downhill," said Duffy of Phelps. "Our team did very well, I'm proud of them. This is the best St. Mary's girls have ever done."

Alameda runners Corinne Roberts

(25:01) and Walker (25:04) were third and fourth, respectively, but they didn't figure in the team scoring this time because Alameda had only four runners finish the race.

St. Mary's runners took five of the next six places to take the victory. St. Mary's senior Crissy Chavez (25:58) and junior Sayaka Matsumoto (26:04) placed fifth and sixth, followed by Piedmont's Jordan Landes-Brennan (26:04), who broke up the pack.

Panther sophomore Chelsea Torgersen-Bell (26:24), senior Flo Larkin (26:28) and junior Bri McGuire (26:49) had a blanket finish before the next Piedmont runner could complete the hot and hilly 3-mile course.

"As a team we ran an excellent game plan," said Mohun. "Running with each other they gave support to each other."

## Boys race close

The boys race was a little closer. Piedmont's Tom Phelps, the younger brother of girls' race winner Mary Phelps, was the fastest of the varsity boys in 19:38. Alameda's Nathan Brassmery was second in 19:59.

St. Mary's had the next two runners, with sophomore Rudy Vasquez

and senior James Ross finishing identical times of 20:03 for fourth and fifth places. Piedmont's Graeme Joek (20:06) and Alameda's (20:20) had the next two places.

St. Mary's juniors Sean (20:35) and Nick Mania (20:35) placed eighth and ninth, while Piedmont's Crosby Freeman (20:35) placed 10th.

With four runners in the teams St. Mary's led by a margin of 24-25. However St. Mary's Greg Williams (20:55) had a 11th place finish to seal the win for the Panthers.

"Greg had the best race on the team," said St. Mary's coach Dan Keubler of Williams. "He really stepped up. We were with Piedmont if you take the runners. In the last half Greg passed four guys."

Piedmont's Evan Espino placed 16th, which was the where Williams was until the move. That was the difference.

The teams all meet again at Pinole on Oct. 14, then at Tilden race Oct. 28. The Alameda championship meet is at Crocker-Hartman.

# Lines

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had consisted of covering schools in Central Contra Costa County. Mt. Diablo High School in Concord rarely won a soccer match. But the Red Devils, made up mostly of Hispanic kids from Concord and Bay Point, surely played some entertaining soccer — often, much more entertaining than the more successful schools located in wealthier areas.

Some people associate passion with the way players celebrate goals. Mt. Diablo didn't score many goals. The players showed their passion in their approach to the game and their willingness just to be on the field when chances were that they were going to get beaten. A love for the game emanated from them. It was an ingrained part of their cultures.

And the difference between Mt. Diablo and other schools was not only present on the field. People attending Red Devils matches seemed to know the sport, too.

Before and during matches, I would often overhear them speaking in Spanish about various aspects of Mexican soccer. At other schools, I might find a parent here and there who was well versed about European

or South American soccer. But the overall level of soccer savvy paled in comparison to Mt. Diablo.

One other observation: while schools in the most affluent areas tended to have the winningest records, the players and their parents rarely seemed like hard-core fans of soccer. There were exceptions, of course, but by and large this held true. The parents, especially, had never grown up with soccer. For the kids, soccer was a "new" sport.

This phenomenon is not unique to Central Contra Costa. It exists on this side of the hill, too.

Recently, I covered a scrimmage involving two Oakland schools — Skyline High and Head-Royce — and struck a nerve in the process.

Skyline, a public school, had a team featuring a number of Hispanic players as well as some African immigrants. The players showed some flair, though they struggled to play as a team until late in the scrimmage.

Head-Royce, a private school, fielded a team made up of white kids who were obviously well trained in the fundamentals of the sport. Head-Royce outscored Skyline in the scrimmage, but it seemed to me that Skyline exuded the greater passion for soccer. Head-Royce people didn't care for my observations, and did

year," said Hutt of his guys. "The T-shirts, that was just them trying to juice each other up. They had a pretty poor showing. It was the league meet and they were a little nervous."

Spencer K'Bury was the first finisher for the Cougars, running the course in 23:17. Chris Schweitzer (24:38) was 39th, then sophomore Justin Samudio (25:22) started a wave of Albany runners with Dylan Cheasty (25:34) and Matt Fujikawa (25:33) placing 45th and 46th, respectively.

Samudio was running with a sprained ankle and is expected to do better in the future.

"They showed good grouping," said Hutt of his varsity boys. "We're trying to lower our times. We have a very fast league."

For El Cerrito it was senior Camilo Ramirez (24:34) pacing the Gauchos boys at 38th place.

Senior Ivan Winzer (25:01) placed 41st, while junior Ben McFadden

(25:20) came in 43rd, just ahead of three Albany runners. EC sophomore Evan Horowitz (28:42) placed 50th.

The Gauchos boys varsity was without sophomore D'Allen Britton and junior Jason Merritt.

Britton, the No. 2 runner on the varsity, placed second in the junior varsity race at 14:05 over the 2-mile course. He will move up to varsity at the next league meet.

Merritt had to work on that Wednesday, which is not the usual day for the league races, but this one was switched from Thursday.

The El Cerrito runners were splashing each other with water from their bottles during the race. It was a hot day and they were all smiles on the sidelines.

"The course is very difficult," said Rider. "A couple of our girls had to backtrack. We should have better times at the Point Pinole race."

That race is Oct. 14 on a much flatter course than Joaquin Miller

# Albany falls to Piedmont

By Don August

PIEDMONT — Peter Schneider caught two touchdown passes to lead the Piedmont High football team to a 33-6 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League win over Albany on Friday.

Schneider opened the second quarter with a 31-yard touchdown reception from Jeff Bell and then added a 26-yard scoring catch from Drew Olson in the third quarter.

Schneider caught five passes for

96 yards in the game. Piedmont (3-1, 3-0) scored first when Matt Peterson blocked a Keenan Moore punt and Alex Kremin fell on the ball in the end zone with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

Schneider's first touchdown catch opened the lead to 14-0 in the early minutes of the second quarter.

The Cougars (1-2-1, 0-2-1) were held to one first down in the first half.

Midway through the second quarter, Piedmont opened the lead to 20-0.

Albany tried to get a game when Johnny Ball scored a second-half kickoff 75 yards caught from behind at the 6-yard line.

On the next play, Albany back Billy Bennett scored a run, but the extra-point attempt and Albany trailed 20-6.

Bennett had just 48 yards carries in the game. The Jets rushed for just 33 yards and passed for 43.

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20 MINUTES TO OAKLAND



# Arts

## Everything rosy for singer Green

Songwriter playing  
at Saturday benefit  
at La Pena

STAFF REPORTS

Berkeley singer-songwriter Green, whose folksy, guitar-driven blues and soul tunes have been compared with Joni Mitchell's, will perform a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at La Pena in Berkeley.

The 31-year-old artist, who co-founded FolkDiva Records to help promote the sounds of other female musicians, will perform songs from her debut CD "Multiheaded Heart."

Saturday's gig, which is being co-produced by Courage Sound, an Oakland-based production company, will benefit Circle of Love's efforts to create sustainable agriculture in El Salvador.

The show will also feature other FolkDiva artists, including Helen Chaya, and Anna & Eileen Karin

Heemstra. Special guests will include Aimee Gross, poet Ananda Esteve and Irina Rivkin.

Green, who grew up in Los Angeles listening to The Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel, formerly fronted San Francisco's Midnight Picnic from 1995 to 1997.

After that, she branched out to form her own band. The result: "Multiheaded Heart," a 10-track CD first introduced in July.

The songs, mostly fueled by guitar and piano, meld folk, jazz, blues and soul. And Green's voice has been compared with Laura Nyro's, Shawn Colvin's, and Mitchell's.

During a brief break from work on a recent afternoon, Green found some time to discuss her life and music.

Q: Where did you acquire the singular name?

A: I'm a Pagan, and it just sort of emerged during a ritual in 1989. One member suggested that she was going to pick a name for herself, and



GREEN'S CD, "Multiheaded Heart," is available at local record stores.

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## HOT SHEET!

■ Steve Lucky & The Rumba Bums, a swing band, will perform at 9:30 p.m. at Friday, Oct. 8, at the Ashkenazi in Berkeley. Cost \$10.

■ Trout Fishing in America will perform at Freight and Salvage in Berkeley on Friday, Oct. 8. Cost \$15-50.

■ An Evening with Dylan Thomas, a birthday celebration for Dylan Thomas with poetry and dramatization, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts in Berkeley. Call 526-84 JULIA.

## EVENTS

### ACCI Gallery

OPENING — "8 Fold Way," Oct. 8 through Nov. 12. An exhibit of new works by several artists.

Opening reception is Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

"The Teapot Event," runs through Oct. 30. An exhibit of ceramics, fine jewelry and fine art by members of A.C.C.I.

Admission: Free. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

### Berkeley Public Library

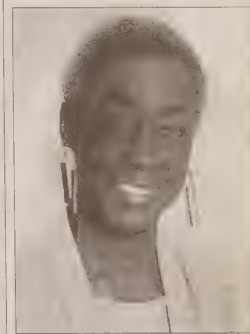
"The Berkeley Family: 1900 to 1998," exhibit runs through Oct. 15. An exhibit of photographs tracing the histories of South Berkeley residents with a focus on Asian American and African American families.

Admission: Free. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. South Branch, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 644-8860.

### California College of Arts and Crafts

"Interweavings," exhibit runs through Nov. 24. This exhibit pairs international artists with practitioners of classic textile crafts such as embroidery, lace and tapestry.

Admission: Free. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Arts Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 551-9210.



AUTHOR RUTH BECKFORD will sign and discuss her new book "Still Groovin': Affirmations for Women in the Second Half of Life" at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, at Marcus Bookstore, 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland.

### Royal Ground Gallery

"New Choices," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of paintings, collage, mixed media, photography and baskets by seven East Bay women artists.

Admission: Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd. Montclair District, Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

### Lunch poems reading series

Series runs through April 6. A series of presentation featuring noted poets.

Oct. 7 features Tony Hoagland, introduced by former U.S. poet laureate Robert Hass. His works include "Sweet Ruin" and "Donkey Gospel."

Admission: Free. Thursday, 12:10 p.m. Doe Library-Morrison Room, UC-Berkeley. (510) 642-0137.

### Barnes and Noble, Oakland

"Kids Story Times," features stories read in the Children's book area.

Admission: Free. Thursday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. (510) 272-0120.

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## Marsalis moves forward despite loss

By Andrew Gilbert

Brannford Marsalis faced a stark choice when his longtime collaborator, pianist Kenny Kirkland, died last November.

In the midst of recording his first quartet album in nearly a decade, Marsalis could either continue the session with a bass and drums trio, like his previous Columbia Jazz CD, "The Dark Keys." Or he could release the half-realized project as a memorial to his close friend and artistic muse.

His decision to follow the latter course is the simple explanation for the disjuncture between the vital,

surging music on his new album, "Requiem" and the CD's melancholy title and cover art.

Marsalis, 39, brought his new quartet into Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley on Sunday, Oct. 3, which featured pianist Joey Calderazzo, a member of Marsalis' groove-happy, genre-defying band Backshot LeFonque. Bassist Eric Revis and powerhouse drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts joined.

The group has gradually developed its own particular dynamic, but it's only recently that the quartet has come out from under Kirkland's shadow.

"It was around for about four or five months after his death," says Marsalis from his hotel in downtown

Chicago. "You can't replace him. It was tough because the music couldn't go forward. Joey's there and it's a different sound, a totally different thing; we're just taking it to a different place."

Marsalis' status as a celebrity, gained through his association with Sting and a stormy two-year stint as head of the "Tonight Show" band, has often obscured his growing stature as an improviser. Throughout the '90s, his tenor solos have gained fluency and focus, and his soprano tone has attained a pleasingly sinewy texture. While the saxophonist isn't an innovator in the sense of creating a startling new sound, he's a composer with a gift

for writing oddly shaped lines that seem to flow directly from the band's headlong, kinetic interaction.

Building on the sound of Keith Jarrett's great European quartet of the early '70s, Marsalis has painstakingly initiated his musicians into a group approach that moves far beyond the string-of-solos format that defines far too much mainstream jazz. His arrangements don't erase the line between accompanist and soloist, but the focus is often on the interplay within the quartet, and solos develop organically out of the band's quick-changing collage of sound.

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## Award-winning documentary to play UC Theatre

Berkeley filmmaker Barbara Sonneborn's "Regret To Inform," which focuses on Vietnamese and American war widows, will screen at Berkeley's UC-Theater Oct. 18-21. The 72-minute film earned a 1999 Sundance Film Festival Documentary Directing Award, and was nominated for an Academy Award.



FILMMAKER BARBARA SONNEBORN and Nguyen Ngoc Xuan were both widowed by the Vietnam War.

## 'Three Kings' a winning hand

■ Post-Persian Gulf War film is wild look at conflict, order and chaos  
By Karen Hershenson

"Three Kings" may be the wildest war picture to ever come out of Hollywood. So honest it's surreal, it throws politics, violence, compassion and greed into the blender and flips the switch to high.

With the zaniness of "MASH" and the existentialism of "Apocalypse Now," it delves into the psyche of men living on the brink between order and chaos. Yes, they're in the military with its rules and regulations, but you also get cows exploding and slo-mo closeups of bullets invading guts.

It makes sense that director David O. Russell would concoct this outrageous, unsentimental, darkly funny take on war. Yet it's curious that he

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Three Kings"

■ STARRING: George Clooney,

Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube

■ RATING: R (graphic war violence, language and some sexuality)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 50 minutes

■ WHERE: Century Oakland 8,

Grand Lake Theater, Jack London

Cinema, Shattuck Cinemas, UA

Emerybay 10.

■ GRADE: B+

even chose the material, considering that his previous movies were about mother-son incest ("Spanking the Monkey") and the search for biological parents ("Flirting With Dis-

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## Backyard Zen

Oakland house of Yoshi's owner  
a serene Buddhist retreat with a story

By Vera Chan

### WANT TO VISIT?

To arrange a visit to the Zen temple, call 510-653-1916.

The surprise is not that Yoshi and Gengo Akiba harbor a Zen Buddhist temple next to their Japanese-style Oakland house and garden. It isn't that the temple happens to be next door to St. Albert's College, whose European grandeur is just as unexpected in this residential Chabot Road neighborhood. It isn't even that the Akibas' serene setting lies just minutes from the buzzing motion of College Avenue and Rockridge BART.

The surprise is that the original house, a seemingly perfect fit for the nightclub co-owner and Buddhist priest, wasn't made for them.

The Akibas used to live above Yoshi's Japanese Restaurant and Jazz House when it was in its Claremont Avenue location. They often took walks in the Rockridge neighborhood and lingered before this unusual house. "My husband is a Zoto

Zen priest," Yoshi Akiba says. "He and I used to watch this house."

One day, she recalls, "the elderly lady who owned this place waved at us and invited us in." The owners, it turned out, were an elderly couple who loved Asian culture, so much so that they created this unusual oasis in the residential neighborhood.

Not long after this meeting, the husband died, followed by his wife a year later. The house went up for auction in 1988. The primary bidder was a man who wanted to raze it and build an apartment complex.

Given the asking price, the apartment building seemed inevitable. But Yoshi's partner and former husband, Kaz Kajimura, urged the couple to

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

## Not all hang-ups are bad

Talkin' Car Talk: It's bad enough to be stuck in all that traffic on the Nimitz or Bay Bridge, but there's another big annoyance. And the "Car Talk" guys from NPR are right — this idiocy of drivers talking on cell phones has got to be stopped. It's annoying enough when these thoughtless folks do it in restaurants, but at least they're not endangering anyone.

The Tappet Brothers' show, heard Saturday mornings at 10 on KQED-FM (88.5), is, as you may well know, one of the funniest things on radio. Their ongoing "Hang Up and Drive!" bumper-sticker campaign is just as welcome as their show.

At their Web site (www.cartalk.com), the Mogliozzi brothers also offer hard evidence from recent studies, such as the one that shows drivers with a cell phone in the car are 34 percent more likely to be in an accident. Click and Clack, The Tappet Brothers add: "Sorry, cell phone apologists, but hands-free devices are just as risky as hand-held phones."

I'll tell you how to get one of their bumper stickers for free in a minute. (There's another one I like: "Drive Now, Talk Later.") At their funny Web site, the Boston-based mechanics/NPR talk hosts say they narrowed their bumper-sticker idea down to two finalists: one of which was "Hang Up and Drive!" They say, "NPR vetoed our first choice."

If you want the "Hang Up and Drive!" freebie, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (33 cents) to Bumper Sticker, Car Talk Plaza, Box 3500, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA 02238.

Click and Clack ask on the Web page: "Are you sick and tired of having your life endangered by drivers who are too self-important to put their phone down and pay attention to the road? Aren't most of us?"

Speaking of Cell Phones: I used an item earlier this week in my daily online humor column, "Laugh It Off" (www.cbsmarketwatch.com) that ties in with the above: Reuters reports that Japanese cell phone users will soon be able to request songs to be heard on their mobile phones. You just click on a song title on the phone screen and soon you're hearing ... (gagging sounds) the BackStreet Boys, Elton Jones (sic), whatever. One fears the idea will catch on here, too.

Which leads us to the following scenario: Someone in an elevator listening to Kenny G on a cell phone. Is this redundant, or what?

And Speaking of Bumper Stickers (again)...OK, license plates; choose enough: For only \$50, you can now get a customized California license plate with "Dutch" Reagan's picture on it. We'll not get into the politics of this, except to say that quite a few people I've met in Northern California (I am not one) seem to have an excessive dislike for our former Guv. Given this, one wonders if these plates might trigger even more episodes of road rage. If you were a Ronnie-buster and some guy with a Reagan plate cut you off...

License Plates R Us: You may not have seen this e-mail, or you may not even HAVE e-mail, but these suggested license-plate mottoes for various states were one of the funnier ones I've gotten lately. A few samples:

Arizona: "But It's a Dry Heat"; Connecticut: "Like Massachusetts, Only Dirtier and With Less Character"; Georgia: "We Put the 'Fun' in Fundamentalism Extremism"; Illinois: "Please Don't Pronounce the 'S'"; Indiana: "2 Billion Years Tidal Wave-Free"; Maryland: "The Thinking Man's Delaware"; Nevada: "Ask Us About Our Landkicks"; Massachusetts: "Our Axes Are Lower Than Sweden's"; New York: "Ya Wanna #1?"; North Carolina: "I Gotcha #1?"; Oregon: "Spotted Owl: It's That's for Dinner"; and Utah: "Our Jesus Is Better Than Your Jesus."

Media Roundup: No, that's not a couple on my new column photo. It just looks like one. (It's actually a small mammal). Speaking of weird hair: OK, so who gave Sally Jesse Rafael that absurd-looking makeover, Carrot Top? ... How the mighty have fallen: The former general manager at Channel 5 who

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## Events

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### East Bay Children's Theatre Festival

Festival runs through Nov. 28. A series of performances for children, offering circus acts, magic, a father/daughter vaudeville act, juggling and more.

Admission: \$12.50 general; \$6.50 children. First four Sundays of the month, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 84-JULIA.

### La Pena

Saturday Morning Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning there is a program of stories and songs for children.

Admission: \$3 general; \$2 children. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2572.

### Mystics and Healers

UC-Berkeley Art Museum hosts "Mystics and Healers: Holy People

and Their Messages." Oct. 14 through Jan. 9. An exhibit of black and white photographs by Elisabeth Sunday.

Tickets: \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Details: (510) 642-0808.

### El Color de la Muerte

The Oakland Museum of California presents "El Color de la Muerte: Altars and Offerings for the Days of the Dead," Oct. 16 through Nov. 28. An exhibit of ofrendas, altar installations created by artists, community groups and students in observance of Mexico's Day of the Dead.

Tickets: \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland.

Details: (510) 238-2200 or (888) OAK-MUSE.

### One-Act comedies

Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents "Mere Mortals: An Evening of Six One-Act Comedies" by David Ives, Oct. 15 through Nov. 20.

Tickets: \$10 general; \$6 for age 16 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Oct. 24 and Nov. 7, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. (510) 524-9132.

### Traveling Jewish Theater

A Traveling Jewish Theater presents "The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln" by Adrienne Cooper, Frank London and Jenny Romaine, Oct. 14 through Oct. 17. This blend of theater, puppetry and stiltwalking is based on the memoirs of a 17th-century Jewish businesswoman, mother and author.

Gala Opening Night, Oct. 14, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$25. \$20. Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (415) 399-1809.

### Parade of Ships

Presidential Yacht USS Potomac hosts the Parade of Ships Brunch Cruise, on Oct. 9, 8:30 a.m. Come aboard the USS Potomac as she participates in Fleet Week's Parade of Ships beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. Reservations required.

Tickets: \$75 general; \$37.50 children. FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, Northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Details: (510) 839-7533.

### Mandolin Festival

Mike Marshall's International Mandolin Festival is on Oct. 16, 8

p.m. Featuring Cristobal Sota from Venezuela, Hai-Yue Zhang from China, Radim Zenkl from the Czech Republic, and Mike Marshall from the United States. Registration required. (510) 527-2364. Tickets: \$55. Tickets: \$16.50. Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 548-1761 or (510) 762-BASS.

### Studs Terkel

Studs Terkel Presentation — Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. An on-stage discussion with Pulitzer Prize-winning oral historian and author Studs Terkel and novelist David Thomson.

Tickets: \$15. King Middle School,

1781 Rose St., Berkeley. (510) 848-6767, ext. 611.

### 'The Glass Menagerie'

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, is at the Theatre through Oct. 10. The story of a fragile, spoiled son and a crippled daughter, "The Glass Menagerie" is a masterpiece of American drama. Tickets: \$25 to \$40. Through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 3, the Berkeley City Club, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-843-4822.

## Marsalis

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"We're just trying to get away from the old staid notions of what jazz has become, where you play the melody and one guy solos, then the next guy solos," Marsalis says. "Sometimes it's not really about the soloing. It's about group interaction. Ideally, everybody's interacting and everybody's truly involved in the group setting."

Marsalis' commitment to the musicians he works with can be seen at Columbia Jazz, where he was hired as a creative consultant in 1997 by Columbia Records president Donnie Ienner. Though the label's vaults contain some of the most profound works in American music, including many of Miles Davis' greatest recordings between 1955-'65, in recent years the label has been marked by a conservative streak and preoccupation with

the bottom line. Marsalis' fingerprints are all over the label's most interesting projects, such as Watts' "Citizen Tain," tenor saxophonist David Sanchez's magnificent "Obsession" and the volcanic, avant-garde session "Go See the World," by tenor saxophonist David S. Ware.

"It's been satisfying simply because I've been determined to follow the direction that I find to be the most fruitful musically," Marsalis says. "And I'm willing to take all of the lumps that come with it. But it's tough simply because there are no major labels in our country run by music people. The only thing I can do is try to associate with the most creative people I can and make the most creative music until our time is up, then give Donnie Ienner a hug for thinking about me and go on about our business."

As entertainment industry values permeate every corner of the music business, the pressure for jazz musi-

cians on major labels continues. As Marsalis demonstrates, however, access and artistic achievement have little in common. Marsalis' early, less formal recordings, such as "Crazy Party" and "Trio Jeepy," were far more similar than his latest, more polished albums "The Dark Key" and "The Black Key."

But Marsalis is measured by a different standard. Billboard charts. "That's the way you have to ask yourself," says Marsalis. "Are you interested in music that succeeds, or are you interested in making music that endures? If you want to make music that endures, often times you take the path of most resistance, which means standing in the short line. I'm more than that."

## Green

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that everybody do the same thing. So we went around the circle, and by the time it got to me, I had Green. I just didn't start using it until I had moved to some land. I had just gone through a breakup and had moved out of the city. I was going through some changes. It just seemed to fit. Q: Award-winning Oakland guitarist Mimi Fox produced your CD "Multihanded Heart." What was it like working with her?

A: She's really amazing. She's so talented. When I first met with her, she asked to let her produce my demo tape, which was great for me.

She can really hear all the instruments — I've become pretty good at it, too — and she can also hear the different tones. Working with her was really sparky.

Q: Whom do you single out among your musical influences?

A: I was listening to The Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel at an early age. "Hey Jude" was my favorite album; I played it over and over. And I remember listening to a band called Ian & Sylvia when I was 5 years old. I recently bought one of their CDs, and I thought it was awful. But my parents were really into folk music — I mean, it was the late 60s.

Q: Did your parents play music?

A: My Dad played the guitar, and Mom played the piano. But neither

was very serious. Dad was in the PBS when they had the lessons. And Mom was a piano teacher. She would just play at school while.

Q: Where did the title of your CD originate?

A: Well, it's not on the CD. It's one of the things that I regret. It ended up getting cut. We didn't think it was appropriate. It was about 10 songs, and we were on a tight budget. It's a very keen-hearted kind of song. I felt that we had enough ready.

Green's CD can be purchased at Amazon.com, and at record stores. Call 510-843-4822 for more information.

## Kings

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aster"). He is now, officially, A Director to Watch.

The setting isn't some vaunted WWII theater, but the barren landscape of the Persian Gulf war, where a cease-fire has just become official and confused soldiers meander across the cracked desert. One of them puts it succinctly: "I don't even know what we did here."

But the big craziness ensues post-conflict, with the discovery — in a prisoner's anus — of a map leading to a stash of Kuwaiti gold bullion, stolen by Iraqi troops and hidden in a nearby village. Three soldiers (Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube and Spike Jonze) are already plotting to steal it when a jaded Special Forces captain (George Clooney) gets wind of the plan and takes over.

Before you can say Saddam Hussein, these four have commandeered a Humvee and are careening across the desert, firing at Nerf balls and dreaming of luxury cars. The energy only accelerates as these impulsive thieves stumble upon bunker after bunker crammed with cell phones,

juicers and designer luggage. It's the Middle Eastern desert, but it's littered with symbols of American consumerism.

You really get to know these men in the next couple of hours. Clooney is Archie Gates, a career soldier who's got the smarts and courage, but no longer cares about the cause. Ice Cube is a former Detroit baggage handler who claims to have been born in a ring of fire. Jonze is the requisite redneck, but more entertaining than most, whose ignorance ("Bullion? Is that those little cubes you use to make soup?") becomes endearing.

But it's Wahlberg's mad-dog performance as the bright, earnest Troy Barlow that burrows deepest. A new dad hoping the gold will buy his family lifetime security, he struggles to maintain his sanity as events get increasingly more weird.

The only female is a tenacious TV journalist (Nora Dunn), who symbolizes the role the media has assumed in modern conflict. Tough-talking and story-obsessed, she is as accepted a part of the action as the obligatory men with guns.

What happens during this daring heist isn't what anyone would expect.

As these soldiers venture deeper into the desert, they discover a strange reality, where the rules keep changing and torturers attended U.S. Ivy-League schools. Starving locals witness a milk truck exploding, spilling its creamy white cargo, and guerrillas wander through a gas attack in masks and robes, looking like a scene from "Star Wars."

Violence erupts at the oddest times, handled brilliantly by Russell, who slows things down, or speeds them up, even having Gates deliver a short speech about what happens when bile flows into a wound cavity. You cannot ignore the destruction in this movie, the way you can in a more orthodox action picture.

Unless you're well-versed in the Gulf War, the politics are hard to follow, even though they become more pertinent to the plot. More important, though, is what's happening to these soldiers, who are getting down to the gritty-gritty of the conflict, even though it's ostensibly over. The boys in Washington have already signed the papers and they're just now understanding what they've been through, and are getting their first opportunity to become heroes.

## Zen

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reconsider. "My partner said we would never be able to find land like this in the area," Akiba says. The solution was to borrow against the Yoshi's jazz nightclub and Japanese restaurant, now located in Jack London Square. Kajimura not only supported the couple, he now lives on the house's second floor.

The temple, completed in 1994, has quietly attracted passersby curious about the architecture, Zen Buddhist disciples in their search for satori (enlightenment), and visitors looking for respite. Students come to the Akibas' house to take classes in tea ceremony, calligraphy and tai chi.

In many ways, their house echoes the Buddhist principle of karma, in which the spirit of good or bad deeds revisits the person who performed them. In this case, it's the karmic aesthetics of the grounds itself, created by the original owners' love of Japanese culture and perpetuated through the Akibas' teachings.

The temple, assembled by Japanese craftsman, was actually from Japan. Plans for the sanctuary met with some opposition from neighbors who feared blocked views, building-height violations and crowds of temple-visiting tourist buses, although the Akibas tried to explain that Berkeley already had a Zen center.

"We don't need another Zen center," says Yoshi Akiba. "We wanted a place you can just sit quietly and be content. That is our concept."

### To visit, call ahead

Visitors are asked to call ahead, although sometimes, a passerby peering over the gray, weathered gate might be invited in by the Akibas or a Zen student. Occasionally, the visitor will be assessed by Goro, the 100-pound Akita who keeps watch over the grounds and protects the koi pond's carp from hungry egrets.

The fish pond, in which the Akibas installed a cleaning system, is just one of the stops a visitor is tempted to make, even though the temple doors are three dozen steps from the gate. To the right of the freshly swept steppingstones and gravel path is the house and most of the garden's Japanese maples, cherry blossoms, apple trees, oak trees and bamboo.

Once at the sloping temple door, visitors shed their shoes and enter a sanctuary of light and wood. The entryway to the hall contains chant books and bells. The deep rhythmic resonance of the bells, played with sticks, helps foster a deeper concentration during zazen, or sitting med-

itation.

The chants are read aloud during services. "All the Karma ever created by me," reads one chant, "Since of old through greed, anger and self delusion/Which has no beginning born of my body, speech and thought/I now make full open confession of it."

### Temple accommodates 18

Inside the high-ceilinged hall, meditators sit on raised platforms on either side. Although spacious, the temple accommodates only 18 people. Cushions ease the discomfort, and blankets stored in compartments, where people can also stow their personal possessions, ward off the chill of 6 a.m. zazen. There is no heat — achieving satori in Zen Buddhism requires a certain degree of toughness.

In the center sits Bodhisattva, or Buddha, upon the meditation altar, before which only the abbot, or head priest, kneels. At the front, a curtain rolls up to reveal another altar, the elaborate Buddha hall. Normally, the hall where people can seek guidance is in another part of a temple, but the curtain — closed off during meditation services — accommodates the display in the condensed one-room building.

Most of these items come from Japan. Some came with the help of the Zen monastery in Japan where Gengo Akiba served for 10 years during his formal training. Among the imports is an incense called *eihegi*, a heady, relaxing scent that gently fills the space. The light, spaciousness, scents and absolute uninterrupted quiet are punctuated only by Goro's occasional barks and the squawks of Kajimura's macaw.

"When you meditate, this place is magic," Yoshi Akiba says. "We are so lucky."

### A second floor added

The Akibas built another addition — a second floor to the existing house — with the help of the original architect, Noboru Nakamura of VBN Associates in Oakland, who had designed the house in the 1960s.

"I did the original home for Mr. and Mrs. Edmund," the original couple, says Nakamura. "They contacted me. I was the architect for the Japanese Trade and Cultural Center in San Francisco and the Nihonmachi project four blocks adjacent to that." The area, which he designed in a joint venture, is the core of Japantown.

His intention was to allow every room to have a view of the garden, part of a philosophy that emphasizes nature in an otherwise urban area.

Travelers to Japan, the Edmunds wanted to duplicate the structures they had seen and loved abroad.

Nakamura, who has since been behind projects such as the AMC Kabuki Theatre, persuaded them to meld Western and Asian themes.

"When you build in the United States, to build a Japanese home, you really don't want to slavishly imitate Japanese architecture, but you want to recall some of the elements," Nakamura says. "I think the materials and so forth and the form give it that flavor."

The addition brings height and light to the long, narrow space, and increases the bedrooms to five and baths to 3½.

An eclectic decor of Japanese elegance and American comfort defines the home. Rivaling the temple's artistry, though, is the intimate tea room just a sliding shoji screen away from the dining room. The room was designed and built by a Japanese contractor who specializes in teahouses. The painstakingly hand-sanded blond bamboo floor and walls of the hallway absorb and reflect light and the joints of the bamboo subtly emerge as delicate etchings.

### Tea ceremonies

Tatami mats cover the floor of the tea room itself. Hidden beneath a small square mat is an electric heating coil used to boil water. Tea-green walls and rice paper impart a soft, tranquil glow. A tiny cut-out connects to the open-shelved room next door, which can also be seen behind a short screen behind the hallway. Arrayed with various pots, cups, dishes and implements used in the tea ceremonies, what could ordinarily be considered a pantry becomes a stunning artistic display.

The straw, incense and bamboo blend to give off a woody, natural bouquet. It mingles with the fragrance of the steeped tea leaves, made for guests or students who sit cross-legged or kneeling on the tatami mats.

It's difficult to believe that the house was not designed for the Akibas, although the kitchen — built for much taller occupants — is a giveaway. Still, in the karmic spirit, a certain measure of fate does seem to be part of the design.

One day a woman passed by the house. "I recognized her as the maid of the couple who used to live here," Gengo Akiba says. Pleased to learn that the Akibas were the new owners, the maid said Mrs. Edmund would have been happy. "I hope the couple will buy the house," the woman said, recalling her former boss's words.

Adds Yoshi Akiba, "She wanted to carry on her spirit and love of Japanese culture."

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# A look at the life of nuclear scientist Dr. Frank Asaro

Dr. Frank Asaro — at one time considered becoming a concert pianist rather than a chemist.

But he decided being a pianist was more exacting. At my expression of disbelief, he pointed out that just one wrong note on the piano would be a disaster at a concert. In chemistry, however, everything is studied, experimented, measured and remeasured, so that one mistake would quickly be found and corrected.

And Asaro's long and distinguished career as a scientist/teacher at UC-Berkeley proves that. As he discusses the interesting things he has worked on through the years, he speaks of intricate measurements, of the presence or absence of isotopes, of elements, of analyses and remeasurements.

And the things he speaks of are fascinating. Of the brass plate purported to have been left on the California coast by Sir Francis Drake, that consummate pirate who worked with his queen, Elizabeth I. Of finding the origin of the Palestinian Bichrome Ware, of important findings while studying the Colossi of Memnon; of working with famed Nobel Prize winning scientist Luis Alvarez and his son, Walter, to determine the extraterrestrial cause for the Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction. But more on these later.

## beginning

Asaro was born in San Diego in 1927, and brought up in Escondido. Music dominated his childhood; he played the clarinet in the grammar school band and studied to be a concert pianist. Nevertheless, he decided to enroll in chemistry at UC-Berkeley in 1944. There he met Lucille Marie Lavezo, also a student, at a college dance, and they married in 1949, just after they graduated.

Frank and Lucille honeymooned in Santa Barbara. It was a time of some despair for the groom. He had been looking for a job, had applied to many different places, but had found nothing.

"I was preparing to wash dishes if necessary," he said. A man told him that North American Aviation was interviewing students as prospective employees. A mixture of knowledge and self-confidence got him the job.

He later taught his students that self-confidence plus polite attentiveness was important in a job interview. They later told him it worked. Asaro worked in the Nuclear Development Division of North American Aviation until 1950, when he learned that PhDs were being realized in head new departments. He realized he would have to have a doctorate to really get ahead.

Although they were expecting their first child, he and his wife decided he must return to school and earn his degree. He returned to Berkeley to do graduate work in nuclear chemistry with Dr. Isadore Perlman at what is now called the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). Obtaining his doctorate in 1953, he accepted Perlman's offer to stay on in the lab in Berkeley.

Nuclear chemistry then, he says, was very much like nuclear physics except that nuclear chemistry studied particles that had low energies, while nuclear physics studied particles with high energy.

Asaro worked with the new alpha particle spectrometer which, simply put, was a large magnet with a vacuum tank between the poles of the magnet. He explained the reaction of charged particles, the instrument allowing that the particles had different masses, could distinguish what mass was there and if there was a range of different masses you could determine the relative amount of each mass.

Asaro went on to explain the instrument and its work, but with a very limited background, I'm afraid I got lost. He studied the internal

structure of very heavy elements, more massive than uranium elements, having more protons than uranium (called "Trans" elements).

"I have enjoyed the work in the nuclear field very much," he says, and tells of his discoveries of regularities in the energy levels that these very heavy nuclei had. Being an experimental scientist, he studied many matters that had been in dispute in the scientific world, and with "this wonderful machine" and what he could do with it, he made discoveries that answered questions that had long been asked.

He says with this machine "I had no competition," especially working at the Rad Lab and with new elements and new isotopes being discovered. Until the time came when there were fewer new elements and new isotopes being discovered for him to work with. A new discovery of ways to measure gamma rays with solid state detectors enabled him to go back and remeasure things he had measured before.

## Drake's cake

Sir Francis Drake, the 16th century pirate, during one of his forays for his queen visited the West Coast of America, according to the chronicles written by his chaplain (whom

Drake called the "greatest knave that ever lived."). Fletcher, the chaplain, says Drake left a brass plate detailing his visit there and claiming the land for his queen.

Then, in 1936 a young man named Shimm, roaming the area above what we now call San Quentin overlooking the bay found a blackened, very old plate that, when cleaned, purported to be Drake's plate.

Shimm sent it to Professor Bolton at Cal, who had lectured for years about Drake and the plate. Bolton thought it was authentic, as did others who studied it, although there were questions about the abundance of zinc in the brass. Shinn, gave the plate to the California Historical Society, which gave it to the Bancroft Library at UC.

On the 400th anniversary of Drake's landing, they decided to have another study made.

Asaro said the many studies made, including his own, drilled a hole in the edge of the plate and extracted samples of the metal. Asaro and his colleague, Helen Michaels, used neutron activation analysis techniques to measure the elements in the brass, particularly the abundance of such elements as zinc and copper. They compared them with X-ray

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By Clara-Rae Genser

fluorescence measurements, and other measurements, then compared it with more modern brass, including some brass Hanukkah lamps of 14th to 18th century European origin, at the Magnus Memorial Museum.

As a result, they were sure it was not authentic, and, alas, these measurements proved it. It remains in the Bancroft Library, together with booklets the library has put out on it.

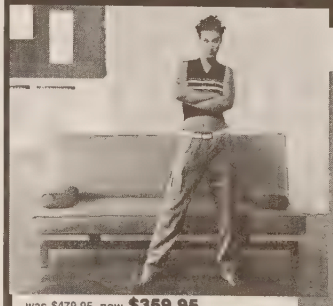
## Pottery plan

He speaks of studying the composition of ancient pottery, comparing the application of a new high-precision X-ray fluorescence method with Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis. He said it would take three months to demonstrate the accuracy of this method of measurement, and then he could go back to his other work. It is now 30 years and he is still doing the same thing. "We were quite successful." They could distinguish where ancient pottery came from. Then they had to demonstrate how this method could

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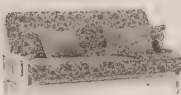


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be used in the archeological field, which they have done, which is probably why he was appointed a participating faculty member of the UC-Berkeley Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archeology.

This led to other studies, such as the study which showed that a certain classical Palestinian pottery was actually made in Cypress (a very exciting detective story, actually). And he tells of working on the Colossi of Memnon, proving that some of the quartzite of the base were from local quarries, while some of the quartzite was actually brought 400 miles from the north — again a fascinating story, and two very important papers resulted.

And his work with Luis and Walter Alvarez, Luis, the father, was a physicist (and Nobel Laureate) and Walter, the son, a geologist. Walter was studying the paleo-magnetic dating of the basalts on the sea floor in Italy.

He found over a kilogram of limestone from the Cretaceous period on top of Tertiary boundary clay. Working together, the Alvarezes and Asaro were able to prove their hypothesis that an asteroid impact explained the iridium anomaly in Italy as well as similar ones they discovered in Denmark and New Zealand.

Since then, the anomaly has been observed in over 100 different sections around the world, and they have studied half of them.

And in 1983 they discovered a similar, but smaller Ir anomaly in 35 million-year-old sediments from a deep sea core from the Caribbean Sea, plus other Ir anomalies in geological strata which they believe were caused by the impact of asteroids or comets. These findings, they believe, also explain mass extinctions of the dinosaurs.

Asaro has published 41 papers in the geological sciences citing the relationship between impacts and mass extinctions.

There is so much more. Asaro has provided me with a thick sheaf of papers listing his publications — always with other scientists. Many with Professor I. Perlman, of course, and others. And Asaro has been honored in many ways, including being appointed a senior staff member of LBNL in 1977, elected to the California Academy of Sciences in 1989, appointed an ad-hoc faculty member of the UC-Berkeley Archaeological Research Facility and, in 1991 being appointed senior scientist emeritus at LBNL (The Rad Lab).

The Asaros have one son and three daughters, and three grandchildren. They live in El Cerrito and enjoy such hobbies as dog training, therapy dog activities, duplicate bridge, and writing prose and poetry. And, of course, he still works at LBNL full-time (and often more) "just for the fun of it."

There is so much more to tell about this brilliant and very interesting man. I certainly enjoyed my

meetings with him, and I thank Richard Bartke for suggesting him. And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting peo-

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Classes

**Ashkenazi**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjall Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenazi is a non-profit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**The Ecology Center**, 2530 San Pablo Ave. offers a hands-on workshop for making a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cookers benefit people around the world. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 548-2220 for more information and to sign up.

**YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The center offers a variety of workshops. Orientation is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 848-6370.

**Berkeley Community Media** presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Godard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of the media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

**Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police**, a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to help prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization, which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

**Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance and Fitness** Classes open to all. Flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Swing and Jitterbug**, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Children

**Kids and their adult companions** can explore the UC-Berkeley Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. Visit a section of the garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve space.

**Theater Rats**, Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Baron Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurodegenerative disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8-\$10.

## Community

**Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow** and Indian Market takes place on Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Civic Center Park, Allston Way at Martin Luther King Way. The free event is sponsored by the city of Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. Enjoy Native America foods, arts and crafts and American Indian culture, intertribal dancing, contests dancing, round dancing. Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Call 615-2633 for additional information.

**Berkeley filmmaker** Barbara Sonenshein's "Regret to Inform," opens Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m. at UC-Theater. The film received honors including "Best Direction" of a documentary, at the Sundance Film Festival, the "Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary," and a nomination for an Academy Award. The film looks at the devastating effects of the Vietnam war through the eyes of Vietnamese and US widows. A reception follows the opening, three blocks from the UC Theater, at the Berkeley Senior Center. For information and tickets for the benefit call 525-3787.

**Parents Anonymous** meet Fridays 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Center in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Mann Avenues, in room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call 848-6370 or 525-5231.

**Berkeley-Bay Area Alumnae Chapter** of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a nonprofit organization, sponsors a trip to Newsworthy, an African-American historical park and a day of touring and other activities on Saturday, Oct. 9. Bus pick up at 8:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center, behind the Well Fargo Bank on San Pablo Avenue and 7 a.m. at

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**"Work Buddies"**; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9365.

**SMART project**; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**"An Artist Family"** Thiele Seidenberg exhibit runs through Nov. 9 at 2018 Addison St. Window Gallery, Berkeley, Ca. Sponsored by the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission.

**The Photolab** Gallery continues its exhibit of lithochrome color prints at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., by photographer Bruce Yost through Oct. 25. The free exhibit is open to the public. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed on Sunday. For additional information call 844-1400.

**The South Branch-Berkeley Public Library**, 1901 Russell St., continues its photographic exhibit "The Berkeley Family 1900-1998" through Oct. 15. Call 644-6860 for additional information.

**Kala Art Institute**, 1060 Heinz Ave., presents the work of Phelan printmaking winners Susan Belau, Jeanne Tunberg, Marion Wesson through Oct. 14. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, other times by appointment. Call 549-2977 for additional information.

**Traywick Gallery**, 1316 Tenth St., announces a group exhibition featuring six artists from New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. The exhibition "Drive-by" continues through Oct. 17.

**"Behold the Woman,"** a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian Images and their stories from around the world throughout the last two thousand years, continues through Oct. 31. The free exhibit takes place at Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. Call 543-2920 for additional information.

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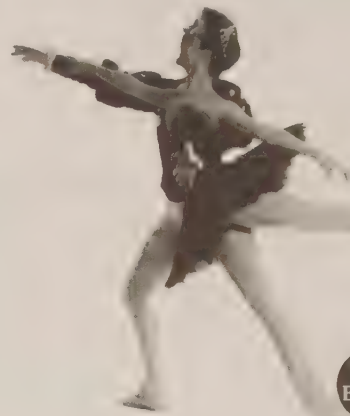


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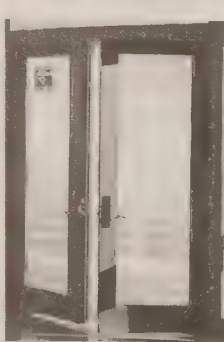
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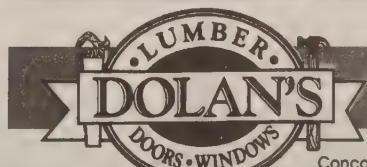
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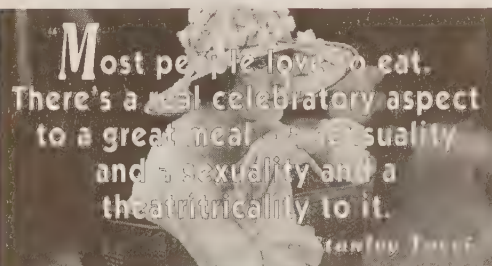


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tional information.

**Kala Art Institute** presents The San Francisco Foundation 1999 James D. Phelan Awards in Printmaking exhibit continuing through Oct. 14. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Other times by appointment.

**Collective Narratives:** Paintings by Karen Cornell and Byron Spicer on exhibit at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., through Oct. 30. For additional information call 644-6893.

**The Current Gallery** at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511.

**The Berkeley Potters Guild** holds its 28th annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and during the entire week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen Guild members will display current works throughout their complex of open studios. The Guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 or visit the web site at Berkeley-Potters.com.

**University Lutheran** Chapel, 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, through Oct. 23. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 843-6230.

**UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive** presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art "Tobias Rehberger/Matrix/180 Sunny-side up, through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

**The Claremont Gallery**, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

**Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara** continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 549-6950.

**"Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement,"** — A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 620-6772.

**New Pieces Gallery** presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

### Literary Events

**Poetry Flash**, a collaboration between Poetry Flash magazine and Cody's Bookstore, present Poets Catalina Cariaga and Truong Tran at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$2. Call 525-5476 for additional information.

**GAIA Bookstore** and Community Center presents author Patricia Lynn Reilly on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Reilly reads from her book "Imagine a Woman in Love with Yourself: Embracing Your Wisdom and Wholeness." The book explores twenty self-affirming qualities that encourage women to grow in knowledge and love of themselves. For additional information call 548-4772.

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6848 to set up a training session.

**Tony Hoagland** reads from his new book "Donkey Gospel" in the Lunch Poems Series on Oct. 7, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at the Morrison Room, Doe Library, at UC-Berkeley campus. Admission is free. The series continues on Nov. 4 with a reading by Pura Lopez Colome, one of Mexico's leading contemporary poets. Call 642-0137 for additional information.

**"Daily Word"** readers: Study Unity principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

### Meetings

**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**The El Cerrito Garden Club** meets on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. The program features Wayne Roderick, former director of the East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden, speaking on "Native Bulbs in California." Guests \$3. Call 525-1730 for additional information.

**Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**The Berkeley Lions Club** meets on Thursday, Oct. 14 at noon in the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Speaker is Todd Schwenk of the East Bay Alarm Association (EBAA). For more information call Ruth Grimes at

644-6665.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffey Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking** skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

**Spirituality and Healing.** Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment;** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars cre-

ating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkreis Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond, every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS;** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Starnage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 529-6858.

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters;** meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

**Toastmasters;** noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters: 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffey Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

### Music

**Swiss Pianist** Claudia Ruegg performs European and American Composers on Sunday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Piano Club, 2724 Haste St. Tickets are \$10. For additional information call 848-2061.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets

are \$4. Call 594-1400 for more information.

**"Blowing Zen,"** a performance by Shakuachi, featuring Meiko Shakuachi flutist John Shigo, guest artists Shigeo Tachibana, Hideo Sekino, takes place on Oct. 22, 8 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets \$10. For more information call 2027.

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church** at Bancroft Way, presents on Sunday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. She will perform the works of Arauxo, and Jacob Duquesne. Tickets \$10. For more information call 848-2061.

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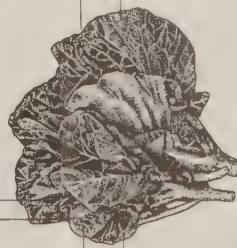
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**Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** group presents Dorothea Dorez, state certified massage and movement

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**Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reservations required, drop in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

**Stroke Support** Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maflly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

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# The rest of the mushroom tale

**I**N HONOR OF National Mushroom Month, last week I highlighted the common white and not-as-common brown or crimini mushrooms. (In case any of you missed it, trust me, it was an exemplary piece of produce journalism.) Last night and today, some wet water fell from the sky, and out from the literary ground popped ... more mushrooms! Now let's venture forth and further uncover the fungus among us.

One variety, in particular, is fast becoming the overnight success of the mushroom field. The *Portabella* did not even exist not too long ago. But its size, BIG, and its flavor, *delizioso*, is putting it in shopping carts and on restaurant menus across the country. An industry survey recently reported a 54 percent increase in awareness of this meaty mushroom over 1994 figures.

Brown-capped Portabellas

range from about three inches (Portabellini or baby bellas) to seven inches across, with a thick, stubby stem. They look like very large, mature crimini, which is exactly what they are! Because of their extra growing time, they lose much of their water content and gain a full-bodied flavor.

Portabellas are most often sold loose, but cello packs often contain sliced or cap-only mushrooms. Check for cracked caps and also for slimy gills on the underside of the cap. Don't fret over feathering of the cap. This is due to its growing place on the bed; it is not a defect.

Prepare them in any dish calling for a white or crimini mushroom. But to take advantage of their impressive girth, grill or bake them plain, or make a whole meal by stuffing them. Their meaty texture is up to the challenge. The stems are very usable, but trim off

the gritty end.

I have made a meal of a soup out of Portabellas, stems and all, by simmering them with some onion, garlic and broth. When they had reduced some, I added more broth and zinged the cooked mixture in a blender. A robust feta or blue cheese rounds out the flavor very well.

**Shiitake** (she-tock-ee) mushrooms have used their popularity in Asian cooking to become the number-two specialty mushroom. (The aforementioned Portabella is numero uno.)

Shiitakes have a dark brown cap in the shape of a patio umbrella. The stem is quite fibrous and is usually detached before they are cooked. Really, there are two ways of treating the stems: either slice them thin and include them with the caps, or make a stock from them. Don't just toss away all that flavor.

At one time, these were only available wild grown, with equally wild price tags. They are now domestically cultivated and are sold loose and packaged. They are also grown organically. Shiitakes are a fairly dry mushroom and do not show their age easily. A dead giveaway are black blotches on the caps. They make a thick, meaty sauce and are excellent in stir-frys and soups.

**Oyster mushrooms** look so dainty, sometimes I wonder how they survive the rigors of modern-day marketing. Truly beautiful mushrooms, their caps are usually light gray (although pink oysters are awesome!) and fan-shaped, with a gracefully curved stem attached to one side. ("Oyster" describes their color and the shape of their velvety cap, not their flavor.)

Do not get complicated with oyster mushrooms in the kitchen. They can be eaten raw, although more of

ten they are made into a delicate sauce or can be mixed with rice or pasta.

**Enoki** (ee-no-key) look more like bean sprouts than mushrooms. They have four-to-five-inch-long white stems which are the thickness of those skinny red drinking straws. Perched on said stems are white caps the size of a pinky fingernail.

Their flavor is light, almost bland, and they have a crunchy texture. Eat them raw in salads or toss them into simple broths at the last minute.

Enoki are sold in vacuum packs and have the stem bases still attached to one another. The packs should still be airtight and the mushrooms should be firm and white, not mushy and browning.

All mushrooms are very perishable, so keep them under refrigeration always. It is best to store mushrooms in a paper — rather than a plastic — bag. Paper lets the



'rooms breathe, get slimy and yeasty. Mushrooms generally do more cleaning than a quick brushoff. Avoid sive water in cleaning them to absorb the cooking in, not the water in them.

So break away from flavor and texture of mushrooms. A little expertise be in order! For more of recipes, visit [www.council.com](http://www.council.com).

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Advertising Feature

### Chinese herbal medicine

By Dale Bhar, Healthy Life Vitamins

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TCM, these factors also describe internal patterns of disharmony.

This fall, Healthy Life Vitamins in Montclair Village will be hosting a Chinese Herbal Medicine Demonstration Series. There will be informal lectures, demonstrations and questions and answers with Alisa Wrinkle L.Ac., a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist practicing in the Oakland/Piedmont area. Wrinkle is a consultant for Mayway Herb Company and has assisted many people in the use of Chinese herbs.

On Saturday, October 23, find out how you can successfully beat the cold season with the help of Chinese herbs. Then on Saturday, November 20th, find out how Chinese herbal medicine can help heal digestive disorders. Come with your questions and see how Chinese herbal medicine can work for you. For more information call Dale Bhar at Healthy Life Vitamins, 6130 Medau Place, Oakland (510) 338-0667.

### Popular disease may have cure

By Dr. Jason A. Deitch D.C.

Recent research has finally found a proven cure against America's most life threatening disease "Attitudinal Sclerosis Syndrome" (ASS). More than eighty-two percent of men and sixty-seven percent of women experience the symptoms of this deadly hardening of the attitude. Its exact cause is unknown, but recent research suggests that the symptoms of ASS may be properly managed and treated. The pharmaceutical industry has made recent breakthroughs suggesting that we are finally upon a time that we can treat ASS before it happens. Scientists claim they have identified the ASS gene and researchers are manipulating the coding factor as their final attack to win the war against ASS.

Most recently, sufferers of ASS have been limited to legally prescribed mind-altering drugs to control and suppress their freedom-seeking attitudes. Mrs. D. Ogma, a 51-year-old real estate broker,

has complained that nothing in her life has changed for years and she is continually frustrated with the life she is leading. Ogma complains that because she has thought this way "as long as she can remember", it is very difficult to make such drastic changes.

After all, Ogma would have to give up the way she thinks now, in order to become who it is she really wants to be. Years ago, she learned about mind-altering drugs that could be legally prescribed by her doctor. Ogma was unaware of the long-term side effects but figured her doctor and insurance company knew what was in her best interest. After a few weeks of taking the drugs, Ogma was excited because it manipulated her brain chemistry to feel great so she no longer suffered the pain and agony of having to work out her attitudes and feed her mind nutritious information.

Ogma says "It's not a cure, but it allows me to continue my life the way it is without the struggle and inconvenience of having to work smarter to make it better. For right now I like that, I'm too busy to think about the effects it will have on me tomorrow."

On a factual note, researchers have recently reported that more people are seeking non-traditional medical care because holistic methods of health care are more philosophically congruent with their beliefs and lifestyles. This is a major indication that we may have broken through to a cure for ASS. Doctors have been researching a new method that has promises of being able to offer ASS sufferers options that they never before thought they had. The new procedure referred to as an O.M. has been around for a long time, but only recently has it been used as a treatment for ASS.

O.M., technically known as an Open Mind, has been proven safe and effective for use in people of all ages. There are side effects though. People using an Open Mind have reported that their lives go through changes. They have to figure out how to reallocate their spending of time and money. They report that they consistently experience less pain and don't get sick as often and even though they no longer have excuses to take off work and to receive sympathy from other people, they say it's okay because they have more time to enjoy their lives and love their families.

ASS sufferers now have a choice. They can use medication and therapy to manage and treat symptoms including headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few or open their minds to something different.

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### Commit to lose weight

By Heather Yarris Price, The Diet Center

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## Isuzu VehiCROSS girds for 2000 in style

By Tom Hagin

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Once in a while, a manufacturer's concept car display at a show draws an unusual amount of attention. This is true of Isuzu's VehiCROSS, an unusual-looking SUV unveiled at the 1997 Tokyo Auto Show where it received rave reviews.

Based on the stubby two-door Isuzu Trooper, it was futuristic enough as well as affordable enough to see limited production worldwide. This week we test one and are told by the folks at Isuzu it will remain unchanged as a 2000 model.

Outside: VehiCROSS looks like no other SUV on the road today. It is short and stubby, with a sleek, slicked-back profile and a pair of snake-eye headlights that extend into the hood line while its grille contains what looks like a set of painted fangs hanging from the top.

The unpainted lower half of the body is made of a scratch and dent-resistant polymer material, seemingly held in place by exposed Allen screws spaced at various intervals around the body. The fuel filler cap looks like it belongs on an airplane. Washboard ribbing on the doors give it a "tough" look, while a bulge on the rear door contains a spare tire within the door itself.

As a co-sponsor of an Ironman competition, Isuzu gave us its Ironman edition VehiCROSS. It wears special graphics, a wing-style roof rack and unique

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### Auto Plus



By Mary Jo Farrell

The dreaded \$300 smog impact fee may be a thing of the past — and money back in your pocket.

## DMV refunds in fast lane

Whoever wrote that old tune "The Best Things in Life Are Free" never tried to do business with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A few years back, when hundreds of thousands of Californians moved to Colorado, we decided to even the score and go the other way. Upon our arrival, I dutifully trudged over to get a new driver's license and new license plates for the Hamstermobile.

It was a three-year-old car and had been built in Fremont, which, last time I checked, was in California. I figured \$185, tops, to register the thing.

Noooooooo. As I wrote a check for \$650, the lady behind the counter primly

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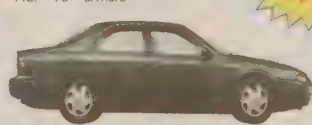


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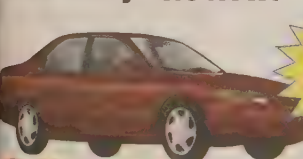
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# SEMA taps woman for top job; chips away at gender barrier

Charlie Van Cleve admits she has what is regarded as a man's name and that she is in what is considered a man's field. She also allows that her name and gender are what got her foot in the garage door.

That door was to the world of the automotive aftermarket, which she entered 18 years ago. That world has discovered that Charlie Van Cleve is very good at what she does.

As a result she has become the first woman to be chairman of the board of SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association. She took office in July, and will head the board for two years.

SEMA is an association of some 3,400 companies that produce the often wildly inventive stuff added to a car or truck by the owner to make it run faster, cleaner or with a more satisfying noise, as well as to look cooler, hotter, or just more person-

## Drive, She Said



By Denise McLuggage

Charlie was a novelty in an industry that saw women as scantily clad and draped over vehicles...

ally customized.

Being chairwoman of SEMA is what Charlie Van Cleve calls "an honorary full-time position." In her other full-time position, from which she derives her livelihood, she is vice president of sales for Hedman Manufacturing. Hedman makes headers.

What are headers? Well, Charlie didn't know either when she was re-

cruited to join Hedman in the sales department. "I was the owner of the company's travel agency," she said.

The company's owner thought that the novelty of a woman in a man's field, particularly one with a man's name, would cut through the clutter of salesmen vying for attention. He proved himself right.

At that time, the only women in the field tended to be scantily clad and draped over the front of a vehicle. Charlie was a novelty, but novelty is only good once.

"That first entrance better be a good one," she said. Yet here she was, setting out to sell something she didn't know anything about. The ignorance ended quickly.

Look at an engine. See that merging of pipes coming from the various cylinders? That's the header. What makes one header better than another is primarily the way in which it facilitates the complete and rapid

exit of burnt gases.

Instead of airline tickets and hotel rooms, Charlie Van Cleve was now selling fancy metal tubes, as polished and tuned as a musical instrument.

The man who decided that a woman could do well in a man's field is still her boss, Bob Vandergriff, whom Van Cleve describes as an "industry character."

The SEMA chairmanship is for two years, but it involves a six year commitment. To assure continuity, the incoming chairman serves as chairman-elect along with the chairman and then after the chairmanship remains another two years as an adviser.

For Van Cleve, the chairmanship represents many years of membership on assorted committees where she earned a reputation as a hard worker and a person who got things done.

"Charlie is the perfect chairman

to lead us into the next millennium," said Charles R. Blum, SEMA president. "She is a hard-working and savvy businesswoman."

Brian Appelgate, the outgoing SEMA Chairman and chief operating officer of B&M Racing & Performance said: "This is more than just a woman taking the key leadership position in a traditionally male industry, this is the right individual in the right time for a forward looking industry."

According to Van Cleve, SEMA represents businesses that employ 450,000 people and does 21 billion dollars in retail business annually. Many SEMA members are one- and two-person shops.

Many of them would not survive if it were not for SEMA to represent their interests in Washington D.C. and state capitals. Lawmakers, it seems, are unduly suspicious of automotive add-ons and aftermarket

tinkering.

SEMA, Van Cleve said, is responsible for tempering legislation that would shut many shops out of business.

She sees an important role for SEMA the convincing of lawmakers that SEMA represents a clean industry. Improved enforcement can mean cleaner air, which means cleaner cars.

The annual SEMA show in Las Vegas (early November) is a unique, Australia will show next May and in 2001 Japan. That is part of the SEMA plan as chairman of the board to expand SEMA's reach and widening market for automotive

She also hopes to open a "virtual SEMA show" on the Internet to enhance consumer awareness of the extent and variety of products offered by SEMA members.

## Farrell

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informed me it was because it was an out-of-state car. "Lady, I could throw a rock and hit the plant it came from," I told her.

"Yes, but it doesn't meet California's stricter emissions standards," she replied. Well, yeah, actually, it did, because I had just come from a smog check station and it passed with flying colors. But she wasn't impressed. No mere smog check machine was going to convince her that my little blue car was up to snuff.

The reason I bring up this old complaint now is that other folks also objected, only they're licensed to practice law in California, so they got a bit further with their grumbling than I did. As of this week, anyone who paid that \$300 out-of-state "smog impact" fee to register a used car at the DMV since the fall of 1992 can get a refund of their hard-earned cash, plus interest.

Ka-ching! I love it when I'm right. I love it even more when it involves money. But they won't be sending us a refund automatically. We have to apply for it.

Here's how the refund process works. Look up the date that you paid the \$300 out-of-state car smog fee. If it was between September 1992 and now, you're entitled to a refund. You'll need your license plate number, or the last three digits of your vehicle identification number (VIN) from the plate in the corner of your dashboard (also on the title or bill of sale).

Next, call toll free 877-SMOG-FEE (877-766-4333) or visit [www.wyca.com](http://www.wyca.com). From the Web site, you can print out a refund claim form. If you call, they'll send you a form. Next, fill out the form, send it in to the address listed in Sacramento, and watch your mail box for a check.

You can't collect at the neighborhood DMV office. You must mail in a claim form to be entitled to a refund. The DMV has set up a fund to pay back the money it collected, some \$250 million if everyone who's eligible files a claim. You don't even still have to own the car you paid the fee for, as long as you can provide the information on the form.

I think the state hopes that by making the refund process so cumbersome, most people will just forget about it. Maybe so, but with \$300

at stake, lots of folks won't mind jumping through a few hoops. Heck, \$300 was the down payment amount on more than a couple of my past used vehicles. You can get into a pretty decent '68 Torino for \$300.

Now I'll have to decide on a fitting way to spend the refund. Maybe the Hamster would like to go to the spa...

### Late-breaking events

When we told you about October car shows, we hadn't yet heard from our friends out in Antioch. One more event to add to your calendar is Carfest '99 at Prewett Family Water Park on October 23. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., come see some truly unique automobiles: rods, classics, muscle cars, kit cars and more.

Almost every car is from the neighborhood and owned by guys who have rarely, if ever, shown them. One of the hot rods belongs to a guy who also plays guitar in a local garage band, "Full Circle," the entertainment for the day.

Admission to the show is free, and all proceeds from selling Carfest items will be given to the three local public schools. Sale items include pins, earrings, shirts and a few raffle items. For registration information, call Rick at 925-777-9218 or fax 777-9782.

Also, another West County event is on the horizon. The Hillcrest Elementary School PTSA holds a car show and Octoberfest each year, and this time it's on October 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lefty Gomez Field, 470 Parker Ave., Rodeo. Registering a car to show costs \$10, and the first 75 cars get a dash plaque. Trophies will be presented to the best in each category. They'll also have food, game booths, prizes, free lunch for registered cars and a goodie bag for each car. Come in costume.

And for those of you who really like to plan ahead, we received word this week that the San Francisco Auto Show is expanding this year. It used to be a week long, but now it's going to 11 days, from November 25 through December 5. Admission is \$6 and may be purchased at the door. For information, visit [www.sfauto.com](http://www.sfauto.com).

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which senses impending wheel slip and automatically sends power to the front wheels, up to 50 percent if needed.

This system requires no driver input, but if a particularly sticky off-road situation arises, VehiCROSS also offers a driver-selectable Four-Low mode for extra torque. During around-town normal driving, VehiCROSS is in two-wheel drive, however.

Behind the Wheel: VehiCROSS rides on a full-length truck-type ladder frame and uses double wishbone independent front suspension with a solid rear axle.

Like many of today's SUVs, there are torsion bars up front while the solid rear axle rides on coil springs, and is located by long radius arms and a lateral link.

Unique to the industry, however, is the use of sophisticated aluminum shock absorbers with separate expansion reservoirs. This type of shock is used on many cross-country motocross motorcycles, and the goal is to separate the oil and gas inside the shock to eliminate foaming or cavitation.

This system gives better rebound and damping, especially when the VehiCROSS is taken off-road where multiple bouncing and unusually long shock travel would wreak havoc inside a conventional unit.

Heavy sway bars both front and rear give VehiCROSS the ability to stay flat and poised during hard cornering. The ride is firm but well-damped.

## SPARE PARTS



## Benz rolls out high-performance roadster

FRANKFURT, Germany — A striking concept for a new roadster based on its SLR high-performance sports car was unveiled by Mercedes-Benz at a press conference held at the Frankfurt International Auto Show.

Called the vision SLR Roadster, the car not only offers a stunning design for an open two-seater, but also provides glimpse of performance and safety technology that will be offered in future vehicles.

Last January at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mercedes-Benz debuted a concept for the SLR in coupe form. Based on the response to this concept car,

DaimlerChrysler gave the green light for a production version of the new sports car to premiere around 2003.

Like the coupe, the open-top two-seater concept blends futuristic styling from the current Mercedes Formula One World champion "Silver Arrow" race car with classic design elements from the famous SL sports car and SLR racer of the 1950s.

### Almanac on the road

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### Beetle birthday

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Volk-

swagen is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the original Volkswagen Beetle.

The first Beetle was shipped to the United States by Dutch importer Ben Pon, arriving in New York in January, 1949. It was one of 10 Volkswagens sold that year to Americans who were unaware of the car's creation and inherently flawed design. It was one of the first foreign cars in the United States.

When Max Hoffman, the first auto importer in the United States, agreed to purchase a lease in 1950, and this was the beginning of the American love affair with the Beetle which continues today.

## Isuzu

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interior embossing. Polished 16-inch alloy wheels and mud and snow tires are standard.

Inside: A pair of Recaro bucket seats are both supportive and comfortable. Covered in black and red leather, their heavy bolstering means that drivers and passengers won't slip away during heavy cornering and off-road maneuvers.

The door trim has retro, faux carbon fiber inserts, but the dashboard and shifter don't match its spectacular exterior and appear to have been lifted directly from the Rodeo.

It holds four adults, but climbing in the back seat is hard and once back there, space is tight. It is well equipped with standard items, among which are air conditioning, power windows, outside mirrors and door locks, intermittent wipers, tilt steering and an AM/FM/cassette stereo.

On the Road: A 3.5-liter V-6 engine provides power for VehiCROSS. It uses double overhead camshafts, 24 valves, a variable intake system, electronic fuel injection and coil-on-plug ignition. It produces 215 horsepower and 230 pound-feet of torque, though VehiCROSS's nearly 4000-pound curb weight saps most of its zooty potential.

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# Despite superior performance synthetic oil gets smeared reputation

**Dear Doctor:** I am a weekly reader of your column and have learned a great deal. I also know you are a believer in synthetic fluids. My question is on my 1995 Pontiac Trans Sport with 86,000 miles. I consider switching to synthetic oil? Thanks for sharing your knowledge with all of us. Kathy

**Dear Kathy:** A lot of car owners don't understand the benefits of synthetic oils. The horror stories of synthetic oil you can switch back to regular petroleum oil if you have any oil leaks, synthetic oil will pour out of the leaking seals are false.

Another myth is if you need to change oil, you can not add regular petroleum oil to the engine. Here are the facts: synthetic oil is superior to petroleum oil but it costs more.

Synthetic oil will flow easily and won't thicken up in cold weather. It has excellent lubrication at high temperatures. If your engine burns synthetic will burn at a faster rate.

If your engine leaks oil, synthetic oil will leak slightly more. A lot of my readers in Boston that do not park in their garage during winter months switch to synthetic oil, then switch back to regular oil for the summer months.

There is also synthetic transmission and differential oil. I believe in synthetic oils and use them in my vehicles.

## gauge tanks

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1988 Nissan Pathfinder 4X4 with 100,000 miles. It has been a good vehicle. My problem is the gas gauge. When the tank, the needle will drop to zero. After 75 miles or so, it will indicate 3/4 of a tank. It continues to work fine till I fill it up. What could be the problem?

**Dear Mickey:** My first thought is float unit in the gas tank. The problem is the resistance unit in the tank has worn out. Some float units separate from the in-tank electrical pump, and could be expensive to correct.

## misfire woes

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1998 Buick. I purchased new. It now has 10,000 miles on it. The engine has an ongoing misfire problem from a faulty No. 4 spark plug. Both in January and February, the dealer replaced the No. 4 plug. They also replaced the computer to correct the problem. August they replaced the spark plug and plug wire. I sense a deeper problem. What do you think? Joseph

**Dear Joseph:** Before I can answer your problem, I need to know if the engine fouled from gas or oil. You will need to ask the dealer what the plug was fouled from. It would be either dry and black, or oil wet and black. If gasoline fouled, it could be faulty injector or weak spark to the plug. There have been some valve guide and valve seal problems with the 3800 V6 that will oil foul the plugs. Under normal conditions spark plugs should last 40,000 to 60,000 miles. I don't believe in the 30,000 mile spark plug replacement.

## stuck in power door

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1992 Ford Taurus with a faulty power door lock.

## Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

**"Dear Joe: Your problem is one reason I like a regular gas-powered engine. You need to find the missing link, which is either a lack of spark or fuel. Ignition problems such as modules are not uncommon when hot. You can sometimes scan the computer for trouble codes that will lead the technician to the area of the problem."**

**actuator.** I removed the door panel, located the door lock actuator, but how do I get the old actuator out? I looked in my manual and it does not explain the removal. Can you help? Joe

**Dear Joe:** Most door mounted accessories are riveted to the door panel. You need to use a small punch to knock out the rivet. First drill the rivet head. Some actuators are bolted in place. If you do not want to replace the actuator, simply disconnect the small rod from the actuator to the door latch. The door will lock and unlock with the inside release and outside door key.

## Fuel system missing link

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1984 Ford F150 that has been converted to run on propane fuel. My problem is that it will not start back up after I have driven for a while and shut it off. I have to wait until the engine cools. Joe

**Dear Joe:** Your problem is one reason I like a regular gas powered engine. You need to find the missing link, which is either a lack of spark or fuel. Ignition problems such as modules are not uncommon when hot. You can sometimes scan the computer for trouble codes that will lead the technician to the area of the problem.

## Gauge goes to ground

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1995 Plymouth Grand Voyager which I think has a faulty gas gauge. While driving, the gauge moves rapidly towards empty and the low fuel light comes on. Sometimes, if I shut the engine off and restart it, the gauge will work normally. I had a local shop check the sending unit and he said the problem is the float unit. I tend to agree, but why would it sometimes reset itself when I restart the engine? Joe

**Dear Joe:** I have seen many strange electrical problems over the years. The gas gauge works on resistance and sends a ground signal

up to the dash gauge. Some vehicles have regulators in the dash for the gauges as well, to keep a constant voltage to the gauges.

When you shut the engine off, the gauge coincidentally will register properly for a short time.

In your case, I would agree the tank sending unit is faulty. To verify the sending unit is the problem, have the shop use a variable resistance meter to check the dash unit.

## Road test for bucking

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a 1991 Lincoln Town Car in 1997. The problem is sporadic hesitation since I purchased it. I have replaced the plug wires, ignition coil and oxygen sensors using all Ford parts. Sometimes the engine will buck and other times it stalls out. Then the problem clears up and it runs great for weeks. The car currently has 115,000 miles. Ed

**Dear Ed:** Bucking could be a plug, plug wire, or any ignition component, even loss of fuel pressure. Scan the computer for trouble codes and check fuel pressure and volume. If nothing shows up, a road test with both fuel pressure gauge and spark tester taped to the windshield. Monitor the testers. When the engine starts to buck, look at both gauges to see if either has dropped.

## Dirty deal

**Dear Doctor:** Recently I took delivery of a new Nissan Maxima. After getting the car home, I discovered signs of ground-in dirt in the interior and exterior. I then looked at the door placard for the date it was made. I was amazed to read the car was built 14 months before I took delivery. There is also oxidation on the aluminum parts of the engine that keeps coming back after I wipe it off. The dealer claims this is legally a new car. Do I have any recourse? Are there any long term effects of the long storage time? Bohdan

**Dear Bohdan:** The car is legally new and I do not know of any recourse on your part. Nissan has a lot of vehicles waiting to be sold sitting in outside storage. That is why there are so many price incentives.

There are no long-term effects on the car, but the dealer should have detailed the car upon your taking delivery. I would go back to the salesman and have them detail the car.

That means they clean it inside and out with meticulous detail. As for the oxidation on the aluminum engine, they can wash off the oxidation and treat the aluminum with a neutralizer to prevent the powder-like oxidation.

You can also lubricate all the door, trunk and rubber seals with a silicone protectant. Ask the dealer for an extended cover policy. Nissan may grant it as a good will gesture.

The Maxima is a great car and should provide you with years of service. It is practical and fun to drive.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347

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## SPARE PARTS



## Nieman Marcus BMW X5

WOODCLIFF LAKE, N.J. — If you are truly nice, Santa may bring you the ultimate holiday gift this Christmas — a limited edition of BMW's all-new X5 Sports Activity Vehicle. If Santa has you in mind for this gift he can reserve it now through the 1999 Nieman Marcus Christmas Book.

BMW will produce only 50 of its 2001 model year Sports Activity Vehicles with the exclusive impala brown metallic, exterior color. Luxury and performance are the focus for the "exclusive edition" vehicle, which can be reserved only through the premium catalog.

Customers who reserve the "exclusive edition" X5 will also be given the opportunity to participate in a three-day, two-night experience starting at BMW's new Performance Center in Spartanburg, S.C.

Built to handle virtually any road, any time, for any reason, BMW claims the X5 is an agile, powerful vehicle well suited for all kinds of sports and leisure activities.

## Cadillac now hip?

FRANKFURT, Germany — Cadillac has taken another step in changing its image from a stodgy luxury automaker to that of a hip company.

It announced at the Frankfurt International Auto Show that an ultra-

high performance version of its 2000 Seville will be the official pace car for the 68th running of the Le Mans 24-hour race.

Dubbed the STSi, General Motors' luxury division hinted the vehicle's powertrain and chassis upgrades could eventually find their way into production on future STS models.

John Smith, GM vice president and Cadillac general manager, said the decision provided an excellent opportunity for Cadillac to expose the Seville to a global audience in a highly prestigious setting.

"It also provides a tangible link between Cadillac's Northstar-powered customer products and the Northstar-powered prototype race car that will be competing in the race."

Features specific to the STSi include:

- 320-horsepower rating - 20 more than the production STS Northstar V-8.

- Enhanced StabiliTrack 2.0 chassis control system specially adapted for the high-speed, all-weather conditions of Le Mans.

- High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlights.

- Night Vision technology.

- Performance seating with improved lateral support and Cervigard anti-whiplash head restraint and seat system.

- 18-inch open-spoke, cast aluminum wheels mated to Goodyear Eagle F1 GS Z-rated P275/40ZR-18 tires.

- Larger brakes with oversized rotors, pistons and calipers.

- Modified version of the European-configured STS front fascia to increase airflow and improve aerodynamics.

- "Argentium" silver exterior paint first used on Cadillac's Evolo roadster concept vehicle.

## Honda takes to SEMA

TORRANCE — For the first time, American Honda Motor Co. will exhibit its vehicles and parts for the first time at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show, Nov. 2-5, at the Las Vegas (Nev.) Convention Center.

More than 80,000 enthusiasts are expected to attend the show. SEMA, which serves the performance and restyling industries, produces the world's largest automotive aftermarket trade show of its kind.

Honda will exhibit its parts and accessories, along with a highly modified Honda Civic Si, Acura 3.2TL, a Honda Champ car and its new high-tech roadster, the S2000.

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# California engineer on cloud nine as aero racer takes off

By James A. Fussell  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It sounds so slick. So sexy. So 21st century. The Skycar!

Going from San Francisco to Los Angeles in the new millennium? No problem. You've got a ruby red aero racer that will whooosh you there in about an hour.

Forget driving. Heck, you don't even need to be a pilot. Just let your fully automated, vertical-take-off-and-landing Skycar use collision-avoidance radar and global positioning satellites to pick up a signal and zoom you from your driveway to your exact destination.

The stuff of Buck Rogers? Hardly. Paul Moller, a 62-year-old engineer and former UC-Davis professor, says he has built a vehicle capable of doing that right now. It weighs 2,000 pounds, seats four and takes off from any hard surface such as a jump jet. It streaks through the clouds at better than 350 mph, has a range of 900 miles and gets 15 miles per gallon on regular gas. Eventually, he said, you'll be able to

drive it like a car once you land.

He's not kidding. The first test flights are set for the end of this month, with the hovering car to be shown to the world media by the end of the year.

But will such a personalized pocket rocket really revolutionize the way we travel?

"Absolutely," Moller said. And faster than you think.

Even critics — who say Moller paints too rosy a picture of how and when his craft will usher in a new chapter in transportation history — say he's onto something.

Richard Weiss, Washington representative of the Experimental Aircraft Association, former director of safety oversight for the Federal Aviation Administration and a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration propulsion engineer who helped launch rockets to the moon, said the devil was in the details.

"I applaud him for his work," he said. "It's guys like him who pave the way. But there still is a lot of work to do to go from a demonstration to a complete system. I think that is go-

ing to happen someday. But not near term."

Moller begs to differ. He said the first Skycars could be ready to own within 15 years.

Think he's a crackpot?

Think again. He has more than 500 investors, including electronics giant Samsung and Tenggari Capital in Malaysia.

The M400 Skycar — the result of 30 years and more than \$100 million in research — is not like any vehicle you've ever seen. It comes complete with on-board computers, several backup jet engines and an emergency parachute for those annoying breakdowns at 20,000 feet. It features a Jetsons-like glass bubble on top and a large single wing that swooshes off the back like a gigantic spoiler.

The current price tag is prohibitive — around \$1 million for the prototype. But given time and mass production, Moller said, the Skycar eventually could retail for less than \$60,000.

Although it could be flown by a pilot, Moller said, it wouldn't have to be once the system he envisions is

in place. Moller sees a world in which Skycars fly in completely automated skyways.

"To fly in the skyway, you would absolutely have to have this thing as a completely automated system, just like how they got the man to the moon," he said. "That vehicle was programmed to fly there. This is identical. I'm going to program you to fly, say, to San Francisco."

Ron Achelpohl, manager of transportation programs for the Mid-America Regional Council, worried that such a vehicle could further deurbanize the country.

"The trends in urban land-use planning recently have been focused on strengthening communities and encouraging more compact development patterns," he said. "A 900-mile range would have a pretty dramatic effect on the way people live."

And another thing, critics say. Wouldn't the sky get too crowded?

Not really, Moller said. "If you put all of the cars that are in the world today in the air at the same time, they would still be thousands of feet apart," he said. "And of course not every automobile that is in the world

is operating at one time. Maybe only 15 percent, probably less."

What if you broke down in the sky?

"I use a number of engines, obviously," Moller said. "And I use a number of computers. If an engine fails, I can still hover. If I lose a bunch of engines, I can still fly. I cannot land vertically, but I can pull the parachutes and land. So if you break down you get out of the airwave network, find yourself a spot that looks safe and pull the parachute."

That prospect makes Richard Wright, director of safety and flight operations for the Helicopter Association International, nervous.

"He admits that (computers and engines) can fail," Wright said. "What happens when that type of failure occurs? The craft gets out of the automated network and would have to be taken over by the person driving it. Then you have an unqualified person driving the vehicle, where he could encounter other traffic, such as an airliner on final approach to Kansas City International. To me that's a scary thought."

There are questions, supporters

say. But there were who can fly planes, too. Eventually they worked out.

It won't be easy. Getting a car flies, it will have to pass and public muster and undergo certification process. FAA that could cost Moller a million or more.

Tony Molinaro, a spokesman for the FAA, said there's no telling how long that could take. One is certain.

"No matter what kind of it is, the FAA always takes the most serious aspect of it and make sure it will be safe."

John Harris, a 36-year-old from Lee's Summit, just know when he can get his one.

"That thing is unbelievable," said, after seeing pictures on Moller's Web site, www.moller.com. "Man, I've wanted one of those I was 5! I can't wait."

## BAY AREA CAR CLUBS

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For all 1955-1957 Chevrolet cars, trucks and Corvettes. Meetings are usually the first Friday each month at the Contra Costa Water District building off Concord Ave. Main annual event: Annual Classic Get Together at Concord Blvd. Neighborhood Park (Oct. 3 this year).

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PO Box 5824  
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Hotline: 925-672-8225  
President: Jim Neylan (925) 676-0873

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Hercules, CA 94547  
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E-mail: mjprp@hotmail.com  
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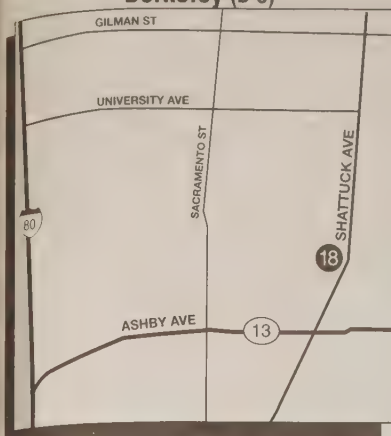
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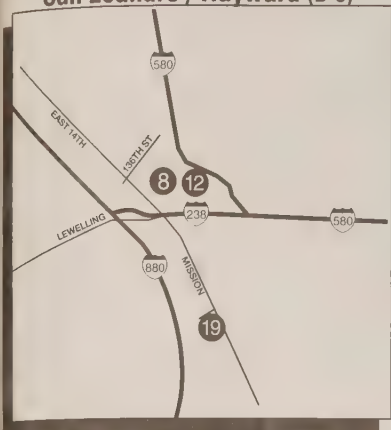
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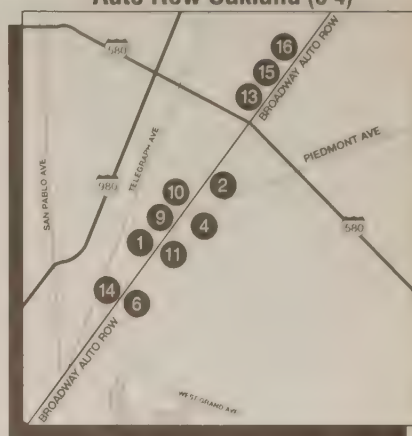
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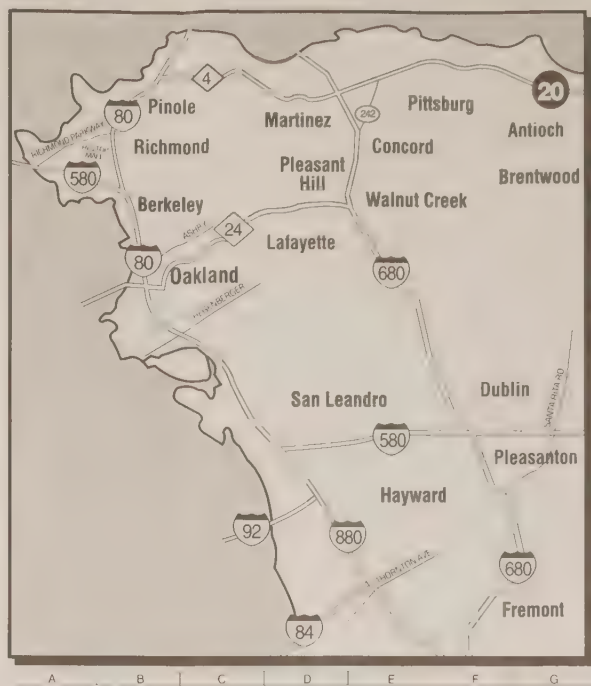
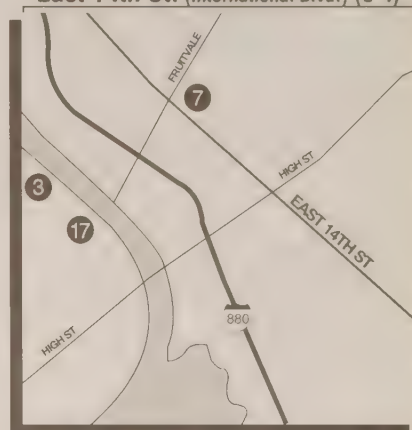
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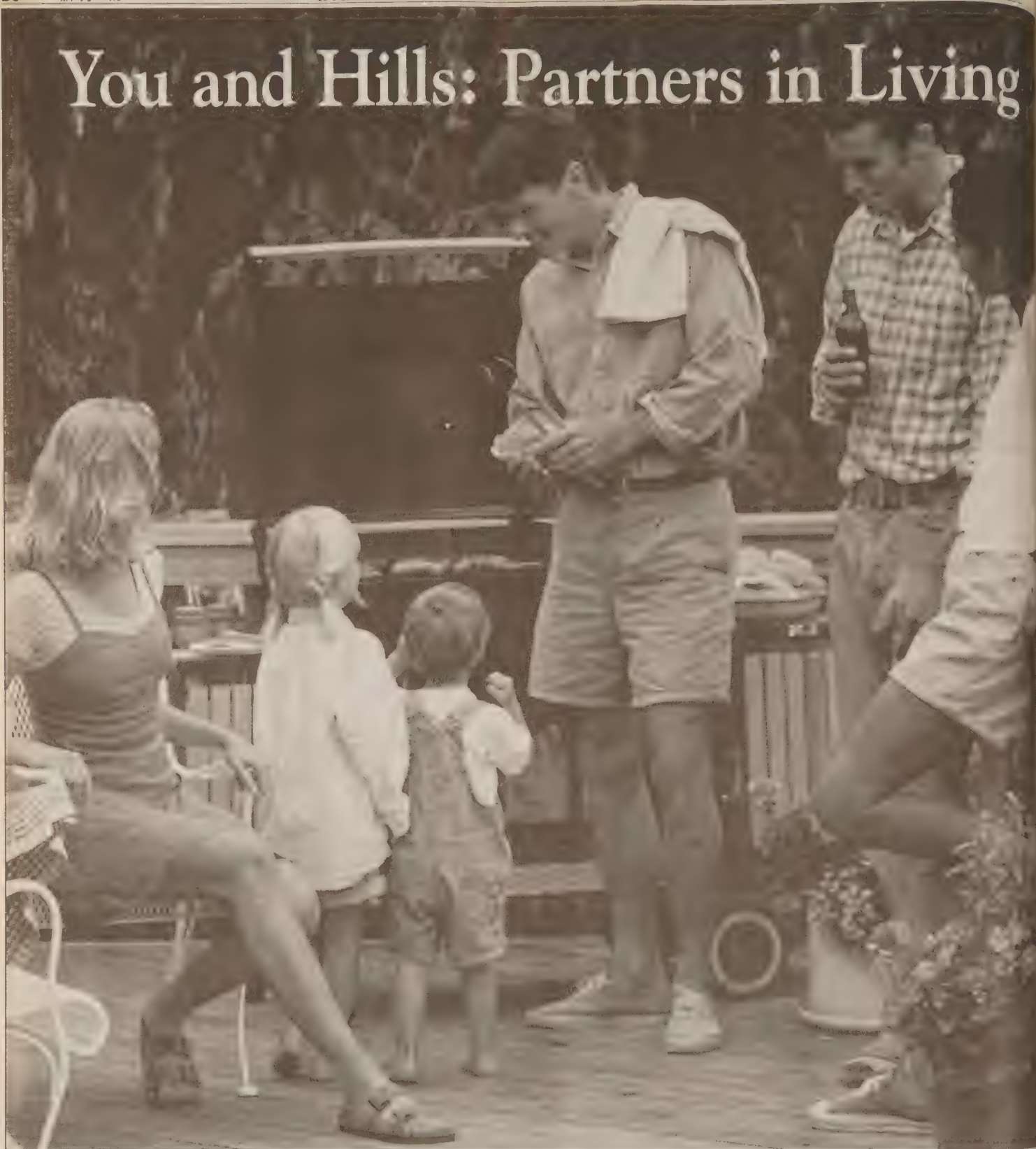
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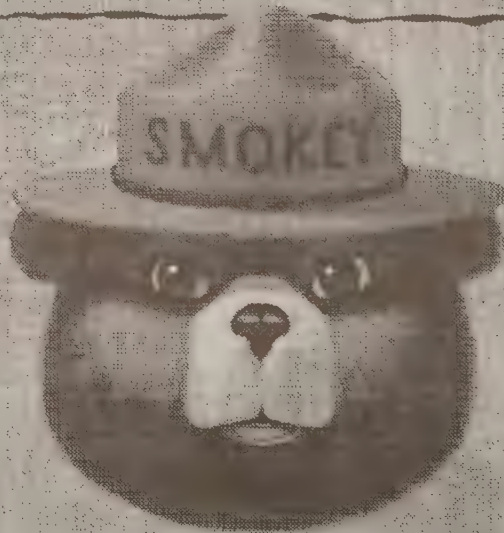
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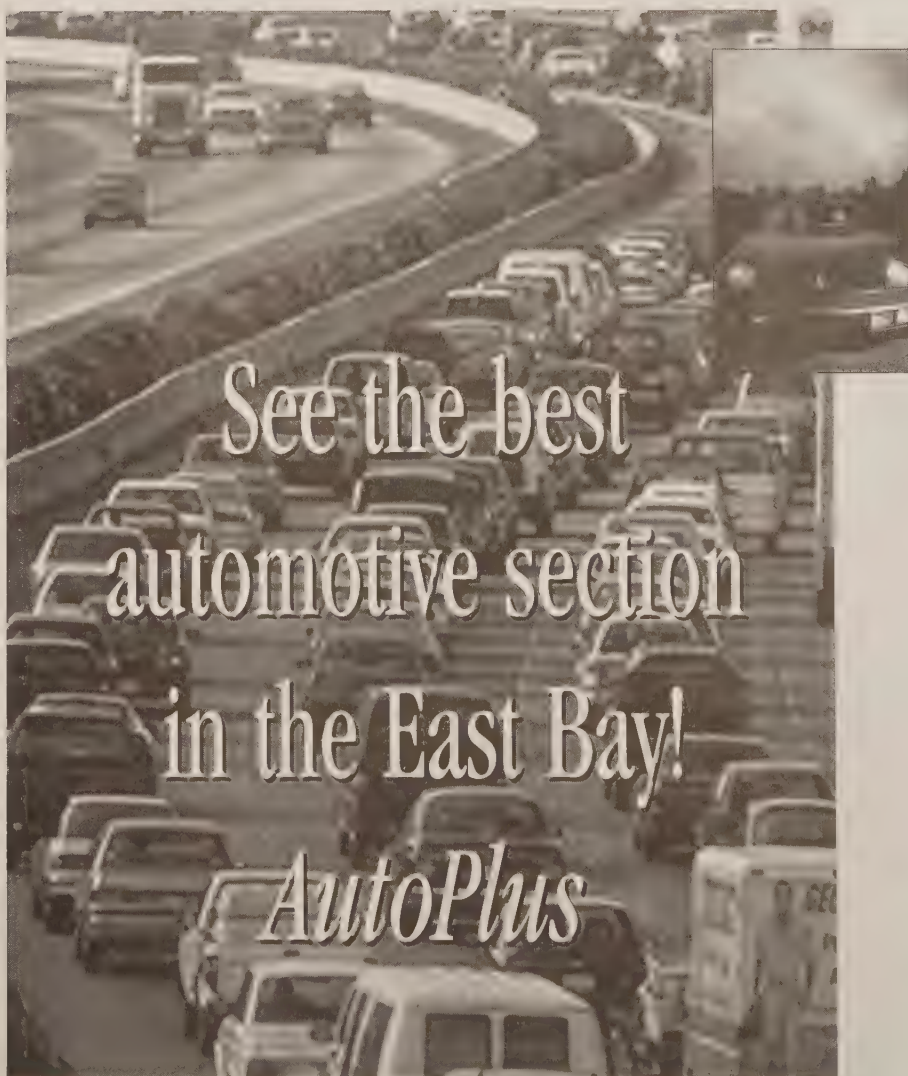
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**SALES PERSON** for an upscale furniture showroom in Blackhawk Plaza. F/T position. Fax resume to (925) 648-2447 or call (925) 648-2445.

**SALES PRO!** Sell new concrete repair system. Comm. offers realistic 6 figure first year income. Fax resume to (925) 928-0282-3431

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## Alameda

1165 Island Drive, Sat. 9-2  
Garage Sale. Collectibles,  
clothes, Christmas and more.

1215 WILLOW, Sat. Sun. 9-2  
Combining households. Lots  
of stuff

1408 SAN JOSE Ave.  
Sat. Sun. 10-4 Books, H&M,  
Furn., lot of misc.

1424 SHERMAN St. Sun. 9-3  
Great sale. Kamora Wash-  
er/Dryer (less), dishwasher,  
H&M, Furn. 510-522-5802.

2021 Alaska Packer Way  
(Large Grand Marine Bldg.)  
Bikes, furn., exercise equip.,  
lots of stuff. Oct. 9th & 10th

**SAT. & SUN. 9-3**  
**(510) 337-7905**

2909 Marina Dr., Sat., 10AM  
Xmas decor., plumbing, elec-  
trics, cabinet hardware. Dis-  
hes, glasses, books and misc.

**2948 Gibbons Dr.**  
Sat. 9-1. Misc. items

549 Santa Clara St. Sat. 9-3  
Enter Center, collectibles,  
clothes, toys, misc. antiques.

**ALAMEDA SECOND HOME**  
1524 Santa Clara St. Home  
Furn. Consignment Store  
Newer items, collectibles,  
Antiques. 510-525-6642

**ALAMEDA, 1174 Island St.**  
Sat. 9-4. Collectibles, bak-  
ers rack, small kit table, chairs,  
desks, pine and sofa table,  
TV stand, gold bed, dishes,  
h&M, misc.

**ALAMEDA 1416 Park Ave.**  
parking lot. Sat. 9-3. Alameda  
Museum's Elegant

**BEADS CRAFTS HOME**  
1071, 4-7pm. 10/9 & 10-  
6-4pm. Crystal, semi, findings,  
toys, display, jewelry, fabric,  
tulle, glitter, chimes, bookcases,  
Halloweem, misc.

2021 Alaska Packer Way  
Sat. 7A-521-6617

**BRIGGS AVE Block Sale**  
5260, 10/9-10. Many items  
Lots of great stuff

**DESIGNERS WARE SALE!**  
Lots of Furn., collectibles &  
great stuff 2511 Broadway St.  
(off Broadway). Sat. 9-12

**FAIR OAKS AVE., Block Sale**  
Off Central & 31, Charles  
Computers, Monitors, furn.,  
h&M, etc. Lots of Everything!  
Sat. 9-4. Rain Cancels.

**Giant Garage Sale**  
Sat. Sun. 9-5

1197 Regent (Corner of San  
Jose), Furn. china, crystal,  
Hummel Bibles, Annalee Dolls,  
Stereo's speaker's, chrs (Lg.  
& X-Lg.), h&M, Xmas, Beanie  
Babies, much more.

**MOVING/GARAGE SALE**  
Sat. 9-5. 1300 Central Ave.  
Pl. older, disk, md. tbl, chrs.,  
electronics, micro, kitchen  
items, full-size, lots more

**MOVING SALE**  
SAT. SUN. 9-5

Apples, books, closets, cabi-  
nets, Halloweem & Christmas  
items & much more  
601 LINDEN AVE

SAT. 9-12. 806 Grand Multi-  
family Sale. Benette Girls  
Soccer Team

SATURDAY 10/9 9-5, 1810  
San Antonio, Fabric, yarn,  
patterns, etc.

SATURDAY 7:30-2. 3020  
Femelle Blvd. Misc. items,  
furn., clothing, toys

SATURDAY 9-4  
Come see it 1st. Must sell  
everything! 802 Pacific Ave.

SATURDAY Oct. 9th  
Sun 10am-4pm

**2622 Central Ave.**  
Off Broadway. Free stading  
weight set, lots of clothes &  
misc.

**YARD SALE** Apples, clothes  
& a lot more. Sat. 10AM  
1587 Pacific Ave

## Alamo

**DINING ROOM table, desk,**  
refrigerator, TV, speakers,  
microwave, tools, golf clubs,  
lamps, etc.

SAT. OCT. 9-4  
SUN. OCT. 10-NOON  
535 FAM-O-SHOP Plaza  
(Roundhill Country Club)

**HUGE SALE**  
651 Llovira Rd  
Sat. & Sun. 9-4  
Furn., apples, dishes, com-  
plete china, dr. m. chrs.,  
sofa bed, desk, many deco-  
rative items, many h&M items

**SUNDAY 9-4**  
**2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE!**  
2 cars, kids books, videos &  
toys. Kitchen items, sports  
clothes & h&M items. Lots  
of good stuff. No early birds  
240 & 250 Bolla Ave.  
Near Stone Valley/Roundhill

## Albany

**YARD SALE**  
1 day only. Sunday 10/3  
Noon-5pm. 915 Pk  
between Solano & Buchanan.  
Clothes, kitchen & restaurant  
equip., odds & ends.

**SAT. & SUN. 10-3**  
**611 Talbot Ave.**  
(Btwn. Portland & Fairfield)  
Misc. items.

## Antioch

2504 ROCK ST  
(off E 18th & Willow)  
Fri. 9-3, Sat. 7-3  
Still Need School clothes?  
Boys' girls' clothes, like new,  
shorts, pants, dresses, etc.  
H&M, crb, m&M & M&S. In 1  
game tbl, & lots more

**3 FAMILY SALE**  
Sat. Sun. Oct. 2-3, 9 to 1  
2300-S Yorkshire Ct.  
Baby clothes & items, adult  
clothing, coats, it, fixtures,  
stereo, household items,  
furn., books, toys, etc.

**305 Robert Street**  
Off Lone Tree Wy. n. Putnam  
No Early Birds  
Lots of miscellaneous items,  
barbecue, bikes, clothes, etc.

**SAT. 8-12**  
No Early Birds  
(at Colusa)

**921 SAN CARLOS DR.**  
(Off Contra Loma)  
Furn., drapes, free standing  
stove, BBQ, lawn equip.,  
tools, books, clothes & misc.

**FRI., SAT. & SUN. 9-4**

**CARPORT SALE**  
FRI. 9-3 & SAT. 9-1  
1706 HARGROVE ST.  
Corner of E. 18th & Hargrove

**ESTATE & GARAGE SALE!**  
Lots of furniture and goodies.  
Frazier, beds, loveseat,  
chest, dishes, clothing and  
misc.

Fri., Sat. & Sun. 8AM-5PM.  
1512 Mission Dr.

**FRI./SAT. 7-3**  
4952 Mesa Ridge Dr.  
Furniture, baby & adult  
clothes, lots of misc.

## Antioch

**FRI. & SAT. 8-4**  
**258 William Reed Dr.**  
Household & baby items, ste-  
reo cabinet, speakers, elec-  
tronics, Christmas, collecti-  
bles & much more

FRI. SAT. & SUN. 9-5  
508 JACOBSEN ST.  
Oak table/chairs, loveseat  
sheep, armchair, sewing  
mach., jewelry, Christmas  
decor., Christmas Around  
The World! Items. Plus lots of  
clothes & misc

FRIDAY only 9-3  
Kiddie's - clothes,  
many collectible dolls; Beanie  
Babies, Cokes, collectibles,  
vintage, jewelry, bedding,  
baby bouncer, play pan; pwr.  
w/CD, skis, and more  
4629 LEEFEVRE WY

**FRIDAY, SAT. & SUN.**  
10AM-4PM  
2616 G St.  
Sat. Oct. 9th & Putnam  
Baby items, furniture and  
much more!

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
9:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

**3016 Harris Drive**  
Children & adult clothing,  
toys, furniture, Sega system,  
bikes, books & knick knacks

**Hodge-Podge**  
**Of Items**  
Sat. Oct. 9th, 9-5  
25 Hillside Rd.  
(Off Lone Tree)

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
Household, kid & baby items,  
furn., toys, books, games,  
Hillcrest to Laurel to Canada  
Hills to Station to

**4546 WAGON COURT**  
MOVING SALE  
Sat. Oct. 9th, 9-5  
517 GARY  
n. Bdwell School  
Furniture, toys, bikes, plus  
clothes, books, misc.  
Olympic weight bench &  
\$175 FIRM

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Sat. & Sun. 7AM-2PM  
549 Knoll Park Circle  
Furniture, dishes, knick, sport-  
ing goods, tent, Universal  
excursion, etc.

**POOL Table, end tables, m-**  
crowave, washers, VCR,  
boom boxes, lamps, organs,  
bikes, roller, truck, foot  
bo, bag screen 45" T.V., '63  
Oldsmobile, 1970 Chevy  
Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 8-6  
176 RUSSELL DR.

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No Early Birds  
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(Cross St. E. Treigals)  
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ware, misc. good stuff!

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**2013 C STREET**  
household misc./antiques

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5010 Highway 99  
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Furniture, small TV's,  
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**8AM-7**  
Everything from saddles to  
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and toys and much more!  
3345 Fontaine Ct.

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Clothes; toys; misc.  
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European clothing, antea-  
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**1825 Hopkins St.**  
At The Alameda

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2377 Virginia St. N. Berkeley.  
Furniture & restaurant equip.

## Brentwood

**900 BONNIE LN.**  
(off O'Hara)  
Furniture, sports equip., misc.  
appliances

**SAT. 8-4**  
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Antiques, furniture, books,  
LPs & lots of cool stuff. EV-  
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Boys & girls clothes, toys,  
books, misc. h&M items,  
baby furn., etc.

**208 WILDBERRY DR.**  
Furn., clothing, golf balls  
(like new), Pokemon cards,  
lots of miscellaneous. Don't  
Miss it!

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Classy Garage Sale  
Miscellaneous, Organ,  
bookshelves, antique furn.;  
glassware, linens; artwork;  
& NO JUNK

**1441 CHESTNUT ST.**  
SAT. ONLY 7:30-4:30  
1409 Dawn Ct.  
In Townsquare Estates  
Baby items, toys, shoes, op-  
er, stereo & skis  
Old stereo cad gym-  
pastic, fitness universal  
& much, much, more.

**SAT. ONLY 8-4**  
1513 N. Mitchell  
Canyon Rd.  
Electronics, furn., books, in-  
terns, luggage, skis, & goodies  
galore.

**CONCORD**  
Baby items, h&M items,  
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## Begin the TAGINE

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This classic tagine, adapted from a recipe by author Paula Wolfert, takes its time by slow-cooking the meat until very tender.

### Tagine of Lamb With Lemon and Olives

Preparation time: 40 minutes  
Cooking time: 2 hours 30 minutes  
Yield: 6 servings  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon each: ground ginger, salt, freshly ground pepper  
½ teaspoon each: ground cumin, paprika  
¼ teaspoon saffron  
3 pounds lamb shoulder, well trimmed, cut into ½-inch chunks  
¾ cup grated onions, squeezed dry  
¼ cup minced fresh parsley  
¼ cup minced fresh cilantro  
¾ pound pitted green olives, drained  
¼ cup fresh lemon juice

1. Puree garlic, oil, ginger, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika and saffron in blender to form paste. Toss lamb pieces with seasoning paste in heavy saucepan. Cook over low heat, 2 minutes.

2. Stir in onions, parsley, cilantro and 3 cups water. Heat to boil over high heat; reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer, stirring occasionally, until meat is very tender, about

2 hours. Allow to cool, if possible; skim fat from surface.

3. Cover olives with cold water in medium saucepan. Heat to boil over medium-high heat. Boil 30 seconds; drain.

4. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Remove lamb from casserole with slotted spoon; place in shallow oven-safe serving dish. Bake until lamb is slightly crisp, 15-20 minutes. Add olives to liquid in casserole. Heat until sauce is reduced to thick gravy, about 10 minutes. Stir in lemon juice; pour over lamb to serve.

Nutrition information per serving:

Calories 440, % calories from fat 59, Carbohydrates 5 g, Fat 29 g, Cholesterol 135 mg, Protein 40 g, Saturated fat 8 g, Sodium 1,860 mg, Fiber 1.6 g

A fish tagine gets updated by chef John Boudouvas of Tizi Meloul restaurant, Chicago. Slow-cooking isn't the style here, but the warm Mediterranean flavors help set a Moroccan mood.

### Grilled Tuna Tagine With Saffron Orzo

Preparation time: 25 minutes  
Cooking time: 16 minutes  
Yield: 4 servings  
1 pound asparagus, cut into ½-inch pieces

4 plum tomatoes, diced  
½ cup pitted, chopped green olives  
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tablespoons drained capers  
½ to 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1 box (16 ounces) orzo pasta  
2 cups warm chicken broth  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
¼ teaspoon crushed saffron  
4 tuna fillets, about 8 ounces each  
¼ teaspoon salt or to taste  
Freshly ground pepper

1. Prepare grill. Cook asparagus in boiling salted water until crisp-tender, 1-2 minutes. Drain.

2. Stir together asparagus, tomatoes, olives, cilantro, capers and pepper flakes in large bowl; set aside. Cook orzo in Dutch oven according to package directions, about 7 minutes; drain. Return orzo to Dutch oven. Stir in broth, 1 tablespoon of the oil, saffron and reserved vegetables. Cook, stirring occasionally, until heated through, 1-2 minutes.

3. Brush tuna fillets with remaining 2 tablespoons of the oil; season with salt and pepper to taste. Grill tuna until desired doneness, about 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. Slice each into strips.

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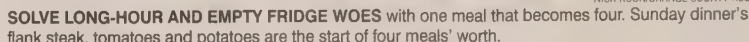
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"Anyone can cook these recipes — nothing is too complicated," Morgan says. "There is an everyday nature to the recipes and all the ingredients are available at standard supermarkets. And cooking this way saves money in the long run. There's no waste. All the leftover



Morgan says it's terrifying to open the refrigerator and find there's nothing suitable for dinner. "My co-authors ... don't have children, but they get home late from work and are faced with similar dilemmas," Morgan says. "Leftovers from the weekend are like a security blanket for weeknights. When you're busiest, you're not starting from scratch. With some leftover chicken and biscuits, for example, you can make a quick chicken pot pie in about 20 minutes. That's the amount of time it

Morgan admits that one night a week, she often picks up takeout food for dinner, but she's a real stickler when it comes to a home-cooked Sunday family dinner. Not only is it the source for luscious leftovers, it's an opportunity for her family to sit down together and en-

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# Vegetarian Cooking: Grilled Sesame Tofu

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Grilled Sesame Tofu is an intensely flavored tofu preparation with a crispy crust, to serve as a hot or hearty main dish.

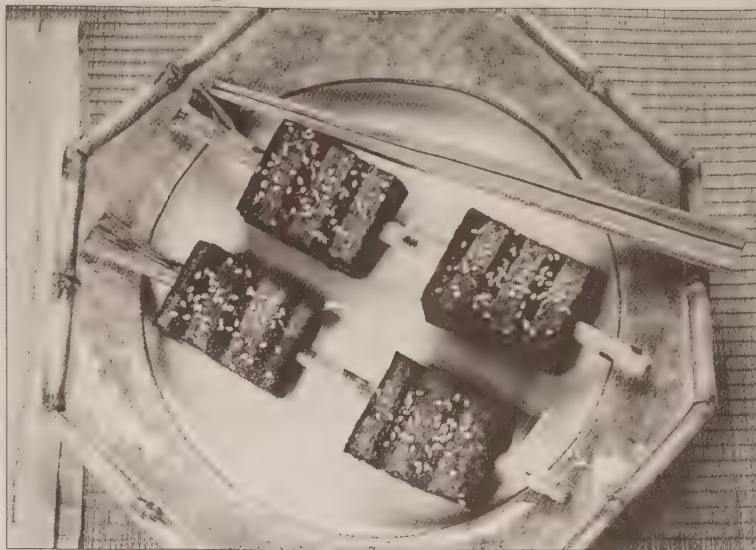
Even nonvegetarians won't miss the meat when they are served this dish, says James McNair, who features the recipe in his new book "James McNair's Favorites" (Chronicle Books, \$29.95).

McNair, who lives in San Francisco, has written more than 30 cookbooks. This one brings together many of his classic recipes, often updated "in keeping with today's more health-conscious lifestyles." The book is illustrated with McNair's attractive color photographs.

Grilled Sesame Tofu packages (about 14 ounces) extra-firm tofu  
Sesame Marinade:  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup red wine  
1/4 cup unseasoned rice vinegar  
1/4 cup Asian sesame oil  
1/4 cup fruity olive oil, preferably extra-virgin  
2 tablespoons hot chili oil, or to taste

1 tablespoon minced garlic  
Salt  
1/4 cup sesame seed, preferably black variety  
Green onions, including green tops (optional)  
Vegetable oil for brushing grill

Preheat the grill to medium heat. Drain the tofu, slice each block horizontally in half, and arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet or lined with several thicknesses paper toweling. Cover with more paper toweling and a second baking sheet or cutting board, top with heavy weight (such as aluminum wrapped bricks or canned goods) and let stand for 1 to 2 hours to remove excess moisture.



GRILLED SESAME TOFU IS INTENSELY FLAVORED with a crispy crust. Even non-vegetarians will not miss the meat in this dish, says James McNair, cookbook author.

To make the Sesame Marinade: In a nonreactive bowl, combine all of the marinade ingredients, mix well and set aside.

Cut each slab of drained tofu into 4 rectangles and arrange them in a shallow nonreactive container. Pour the marinade over the tofu, cover and refrigerate, turning occasionally, for at least 24 hours or up to 6 days; return to room temperature before cooking.

About 30 minutes before cooking, place 8 bamboo skewers in a shallow container, cover with water, and set aside to soak. Prepare

an open grill for moderate direct-heat cooking.

In a small skillet, place the sesame seed over medium heat and toast, shaking the pan or stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 5 minutes. Pour onto a plate to cool.

Remove the tofu from the marinade, reserving the marinade. If using the green onions, cut each onion into 3 pieces of equal length. Then, working with 1 onion at a time and beginning with the root end, thread the 3 onion pieces lengthwise onto the soaked skewers, alternating them with 2 pieces

of the tofu; thread the onion pieces in order to simulate the look of a whole onion. If not using green onions, thread the tofu onto the skewers.

When the fire is ready, lightly brush the grill rack with oil. Place the skewered tofu on the rack and cook, turning frequently and brushing with the marinade, until lightly browned on all sides, 12 to 15 minutes.


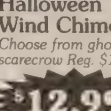
To serve, sprinkle the tofu with the toasted sesame seed and arrange on warmed plates. Makes 4 servings.



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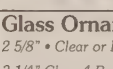
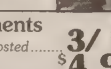
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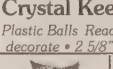

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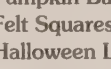
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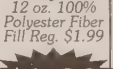
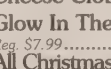
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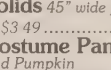
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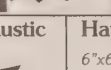
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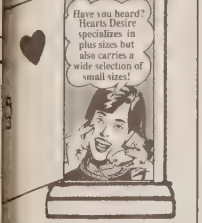
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# FOUR MEALS

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about 4 minutes on second side, or until instant-read thermometer registers 125 degrees.

Sunday's leftover steak should be refrigerated, airtight, as soon as it has cooled.

1. Marinate steaks 1-2 hours before broiling. Place flank steaks in large, heavy-duty zipper-style plastic bag. Combine all remaining ingredients in a glass measuring cup; stir to combine.

Pour marinade over steaks and seal bag, pressing out any air (this allows marinade to fully coat meat). Set aside at room temperature 1 hour or refrigerate up to 2 hours. Turn bag every 15 minutes or so to fully distribute marinade.

2. About 20 minutes before serving, preheat broiler. Remove steaks from marinade and place them side by side on broiler pan. Broil steaks 2-3 inches from heating element 6 minutes on first side; turn, brush with reserved marinade and broil 6-8 minutes longer, or until instant-read thermometer registers 125 degrees.

This timing is for medium rare; add 1 minute to each side if you want it more well-done.

3. Set aside 1 flank steak to cool. Transfer other steak to carving board; let rest 3 minutes, then slice across grain into ¼-inch-thick slices. Serve immediately.

Cut reserved steak in half, wrap halves separately and refrigerate up to 5 days.

Yield: 4 servings, with 1 flank steak reserved for 2 additional meals

Nutritional information (per serving): 390 calories, 42 grams protein, 20.3 grams carbohydrates, 15.1 grams fat, 35 percent calories from fat, 100 milligrams cholesterol, 629 milligrams sodium

Source: "Cooking for the Week" by Diane Morgan, Dan Taggart and Kathleen Taggart

**Curried Roasted Potatoes**  
4 tablespoons (½ stick) unsalted butter  
1 tablespoon curry powder  
32 small red or white new potatoes, about 1 ½ inches in diameter (about 3 ½ pounds, scrubbed)  
Salt to taste

Cook's notes: The red potatoes I used were slightly larger, so I cut them in half before cooking.

Preliminaries: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Melt butter in large ovenproof skillet or saute pan over medium-high heat. Stir in curry powder; stir and cook 30 seconds.

Add potatoes and season with salt; cook 3 minutes, swirling pan to turn potatoes and coat with curry mixture. Place pan in preheated oven; roast, uncovered, until fork tender, about 30 minutes.

2. Set aside 16 potatoes to cool and serve the rest. Wrap reserved potatoes and refrigerate up to 7 days.

Yield: 4 servings, with 16 potatoes reserved for an additional meal

Nutritional information (per serving): 279 calories, 8.2 grams protein, 44.9 grams carbohydrates, 6.4 grams fat, 21 percent calories from fat, 15.5 milligrams cholesterol, 79 milligrams sodium

Source: "Cooking for the Week"

**Oven-Baked Tomatoes**

8 tomatoes, about 5-6 ounces each  
3 large garlic cloves, minced  
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preliminaries: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Cut a tiny slice off bottom of each tomato so it can sit upright. Cut tomatoes in half horizontally. Arrange in 9-by-13-inch nonaluminum baking dish. Mix garlic and olive oil; drizzle over each tomato. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 30 minutes.

2. Remove pan from oven. Position oven rack as close to heat source as possible. Preheat broiler. Place tomatoes under broiler until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Serve 2 tomato halves per person.

3. Set aside 8 tomato halves and pan juices to cool. Cover and refrigerate reserved tomatoes and juice up to 7 days.

Yield: 4 servings, with 8 tomato halves and pan juices reserved for soup

Nutritional information (per serving): 72 calories, 1.1 grams protein, 6.1 grams carbohydrates, 5.5 grams fat, 69 percent calories from fat, no cholesterol, 11 milligrams sodium

Source: "Cooking for the Week"

## MONDAY'S MEAL

**Flank Steak, Potato and Roasted Bell Pepper Salad**

For salad:  
½ Broiled Flank Steak With Soy-Honey Marinade  
2 large red bell peppers, roasted and peeled; see cook's notes

16 Curried Roasted Potatoes, cut in fourths  
3 green onions, including green tops, thinly sliced  
2 small tomatoes, cut in 10 wedges each  
2 tablespoons capers, drained

1 cup lightly packed fresh parsley leaves, minced  
¼ teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste

For dressing:

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
½ teaspoon curry powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
For presentation: red leaf lettuce

Cook's notes: To roast bell peppers, place on jelly-roll pan lined with aluminum foil. Broil until charred on all sides, turning with tongs as each side chars. Remove from oven; enclose in foil 5 minutes.

Open foil and when cool enough to handle, peel and seed.

1. With a sharp knife, cut steak in half horizontally to make thinner pieces of same shape. Cut steak with grain to make several strips about 1 inch wide. Turn each strip and cut across the grain in very thin (about ⅛-inch) slices. This shape is known as "julienne." Cut peppers in same shape.

2. In large bowl, combine potatoes, bell peppers, green onions, tomatoes, capers, parsley, salt and pepper. Toss.

3. In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients. Pour over salad. Toss.

Presentation: Arrange lettuce on 4 dinner plates; top with salad mixture. Top with beef and serve.

Yield: 4 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 691 calories, 31.3 grams protein, 63.9 grams carbohydrates, 34.8 grams fat, 45 percent calories from fat, 66 milligrams cholesterol, 613 milligrams sodium

Source: "Cooking for the Week"

## TUESDAY'S MEAL

**Tomato-Bread Soup With Parmesan**

8 halves Oven-Baked Tomatoes and reserved juices (see recipe)

½ cup olive oil  
1 large garlic clove, slivered  
5 ½ cups water, or more as needed  
1 pound crusty bread, roughly torn into 1-inch pieces

2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon ground pepper  
¼ cup prepared basil pesto  
2 cups (8 ounces) grated Parmesan cheese

1. Use spoon to scoop pulp and juices from tomato skins into bowl; discard skins. In heavy 4-quart or larger saucepan over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add garlic and saute just until it begins to brown, 1-2 minutes.

Add tomatoes and juices; bring to boil, reduce heat to simmer and cover. Cook 15 minutes.

2. Add water, bread, salt and pepper. Bring to simmer. Add more water if necessary to create thick soup rather than mush. Stir in pesto.

3. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.  
Presentation: Portion into 4 large bowls, top each with ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese immediately.

Yield: 4 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 34 grams protein, 68.3 grams carbohydrates, 34.8 grams fat, 50 percent calories from fat, 66 milligrams cholesterol, 2,823 milligrams sodium

Source: "Cooking for the Week"

## WEDNESDAY'S MEAL

**Soba Noodles With Slivered Flank Steaks, Onions and Orange Zest**

¼ cup soy sauce  
1 tablespoon rice vinegar  
2 tablespoons Asian sesame oil  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

only)  
1 tablespoon salt  
1 (14-ounce) package buckwheat soba

cook's notes  
2 green onions, including dark green tops

paper-thin diagonal slices  
¼ cup shredded or matchstick-cut

½ Broiled Flank Steak With Soy-Honey Marinade

Cut into matchstick-style slivers (see recipe).  
Cook's notes: Buckwheat soba, or Japanese wheat noodles, are available in Asian markets, some supermarkets in the Asian section. If you can't find soba, use thin wheat-based pasta such as wheat spaghetti. This salad is best at room temperature.

1. Place large pot of water on high heat to boil.

2. Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine vinegar, sesame oil, sugar and orange zest. Stir to dissolve sugar; set dressing aside.

3. Add salt to boiling water. Add noodles and cook until tender but still slightly chewy.

They shouldn't be mushy, but if they are, drain in colander, cook 1-2 minutes longer and drain. Drain and refresh with cold water. Drain.

4. Add noodles to dressing in large bowl. Add green onions, carrots and steak. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve immediately.

Yield: 4 servings

Nutritional information (per serving): 35.4 grams protein, 90 grams carbohydrates, 34.8 grams fat, 22 percent calories from fat, 50 milligrams cholesterol, 1,386 milligrams sodium

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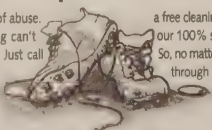
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# Stealth sniffles: Seasonal hay fever can prompt sensitivities to fruit, veggies

By Kristin Eddy  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The pink curl of a shrimp or the meat of a peanut are bright flags to people who live with threatening food allergies. They know that contact with certain foods can lead to hives, difficulty in breathing and even death.

It makes the millions of other people living with environmental allergies glad that they suffer only sneezing and red eyes caused by a brush with grass pollen or ragweed. But even the nature-sensitive can have food sensitivities of which they may not be fully aware. Doctors call it "oral allergy syndrome," and it is usually a condition that begins in adulthood. Certain fruits and vegetables cause reactions to these foods, according to the Food Allergy Network.

But the most important difference between oral and whole-body reactions is that oral allergy syndrome usually doesn't lead to more severe symptoms.

"Real oral allergy syndrome does not progress and does not give you anything more than itching and tingling in the mouth," says Dr. Philip Gallagher, a Pennsylvania allergist who is on the public education committee for the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology. Gallagher says that symptoms may appear only during the season when the pollen is active or may be mild enough that they go unnoticed.

"In the majority of patients, it is a nuisance but not a problem," said Goldsobel, who noted that people who are taking medication to treat environmental allergies also may be preventing the food sensitivities.

The other good news is that research has shown that cooking fruits and vegetables may destroy the potential allergen. It's eating the fruits and vegetables in their raw form that tends to cause a reaction.

But although oral allergy syndrome may produce only mild symptoms, medical professionals urge caution. If you notice a reaction, it might be a good idea to have an allergist do a skin test, in which your skin is pricked and dabbed with various allergens to test for sensitivity. Environmental allergies tend to appear in "the second and third decades of your life," Pongracic said. "What we call 'adverse food reactions' can occur for different reasons: an allergy, intolerance or even an infection." It's worth determining whether something more serious is at work, she says.

Adults who have eaten certain foods all their lives can suddenly develop serious allergies, and from then on must strictly avoid those foods. Certainly if your oral symptoms progress to include wheezing or hives, you need to be treated immediately, Goldsobel said. What causes an allergic reaction?

In an allergic reaction, the body's immune system interprets a harmless substance — such as a food product — as harmful and creates antibodies to that substance. The next time the food is eaten, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals and histamines to protect the body, triggering symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, cardiovascular system or skin. Symptoms typically appear within minutes to two hours after eating the food.

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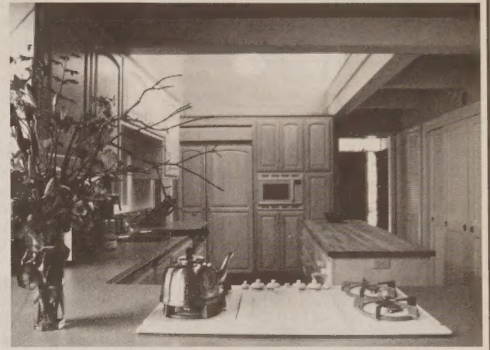
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## TAGINE

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4. To serve, spoon orzo in bottom of tagine or in serving bowls; top with sliced tuna.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 860, % calories from fat 20, Carbohydrates 94 g, Fat 19 g, Cholesterol 115 mg, Protein 75 g, Saturated fat 3 g, Sodium 1,480 mg, Fiber 6 g

The meatballs in this unusual tagine, adapted from a recipe in "Cooking at the Kasbah," by Kitty Morse, have a surprise filling of hard-cooked eggs. The cinnamon- and almond-sprinkled rice adds color and texture to the dish.

#### Stuffed Meatball Tagine With Sweet Onion Sauce

Preparation time: 45 minutes  
Standing time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes  
Yield: 6 servings  
Sauce:  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
7 small onions, thinly sliced  
1 tomato, peeled, seeded, chopped  
5 whole cloves  
1 teaspoon Moroccan spice blend, recipe below  
1 teaspoon each, ground: cinnamon, ginger  
1/2 teaspoon crushed saffron threads  
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper or to taste  
1 cup seedless raisins  
1 tablespoon honey  
Meatballs:  
1 pound twice-ground sirloin  
1 small onion, grated  
1/2 cup dried bread crumbs  
1 large egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon each: salt, Moroccan spice blend, recipe below  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
2 large hard-cooked eggs, each

cut into 6 sections  
3 cups cooked long-grain rice  
Ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup whole blanched or sliced almonds, toasted, see note

1. For sauce, heat oil in heavy, non-reactive saucepan over medium heat. Add onions, tomato, cloves, spice blend, cinnamon, ginger, saffron and 1 cup water. Cook, stirring often, until sauce thickens, 12-15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add raisins and honey; reduce heat to medium-low.  
2. For meatballs, combine sirloin and onion in large bowl. Add bread crumbs, egg, salt, spice blend and pepper; mix well. Let stand 10 minutes.

3. Divide meat mixture into 12 equal pieces, about 2 tablespoons each. Flatten each piece into 3-inch circle; place egg wedge in center. Fold meat around egg; seal edges. Repeat with remaining meat and egg wedges.  
4. Place meatballs in simmering

onion sauce. Do not stir. Cover; simmer until meat is cooked through, about 20 minutes.

5. Place cooked rice in mound on serving platter. Garnish with cinnamon and almonds. Place meatballs around rice; serve with sauce.

Moroccan spice blend: Combine 1/2 teaspoon each ground nutmeg, ground ginger, salt, freshly ground pepper, mace, ground cardamom; 1/4 teaspoon each ground allspice, ground turmeric, ground cinnamon, and 5 threads saffron. Place in tightly sealed container and store in cool, dry place. Makes 1 1/4 tablespoons.

Note: Toast almonds in dry medium skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until golden. Remove from pan immediately to stop cooking.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 535, % calories from fat 32, Carbohydrates 64 g, Fat 19 g, Cholesterol 155 mg, Protein 29 g, Saturated fat 4 g, Sodium 840 mg, Fiber 4.6 g

## Stewlike tagines simmer with complex spices

By Kristin Eddy  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — It's time to get cozy with food again. As the layers of our clothes go back on, so do the layers of flavor in fall stews and slow-cooked meals. And although old favorites are fine, also worth exploring is the North African staple known as the tagine, now thriving not only in traditional Moroccan restaurants but also in some of the hippest bistros. You'll see a vegetable tagine on the menu at Grapes in River North, tagine with rack of lamb at Souk in Wicker Park, and tuna tagine at the new Tizi Melloul on Wells Street, all given the chefs' spin on age-old recipes.

So what is it? To talk tagine (pronounced tah-ZHEEN), start by noting that the word refers to the dish and the dish. There's the cooking implement, traditionally an earthenware pot in two parts, with a shallow, round base and a conical lid. The braised vegetables, meats and fish cooked within also are called tagine and are one of the finest examples of Moroccan cooking, say its devotees.

"Tagines are very delicate and also complex, just like all Moroccan cooking," said Mohamed Ben Mchabeh of L'Olive restaurant, in new quarters on Halsted Street near the Steppenwolf Theatre. "It's all in the way you mix the spices so as not to have one overpower the other."

The complexity of Moroccan cuisine comes from the myriad influences of the countries that border the Mediterranean. Middle Eastern

cardamom, Spanish saffron, and honey from the south of France all add sweetness to the savory recipes; Egyptian dates, apricots and quince add their own textures and flavors.

Stewed vegetable tagines are common, as are more robust versions with meltingly soft chunks of lamb or slow-cooked chicken.

"Tagine is almost daily fare because it is prepared simply, with seasonal ingredients and fresh or dried fruit," said Kitty Morse, author of "Cooking at the Kasbah," in a telephone interview from her home in southern California.

Meat is a welcome addition to the tagine, as is fish for people who live along the coast, Morse said, "but even families who can't afford meat every day will still have a tagine at lunch."

Preserved lemons, olives and onions add tang to the dishes. More depth of flavor comes from combining sweet spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger with a blend of peppery spices.

Like any stew, the tagine can be a catch-all of ingredients.

Tagines have regional variations in Morocco, Mchabeh said, such as those with chickpeas, lima and fava beans in the south; camel and even wolf meat are eaten in more remote areas of the country.

"These tagines are part of a tradition that has been handed down for centuries, based on an oral tradition," said Morse. "There are always going to be variations."

That should be of comfort to purists who come across the seared

tuna tagine at the stylish Tizi Melloul, which also serves lamb and vegetable tagines in a gorgeous array of colorful patterned tagine pottery.

Other restaurants have come up with their own recipes. Wildflower Continental Bistro in Barrington offers a seafood version with fresh lobster tail, sea bass, shrimp and other shellfish in a saffron tomato broth. Souk prepares chickpeas with onion, ginger, cilantro and tomato and serves the tagine vegetarian-style or adds lamb ribs for a heartier dish.

For Kristine Subido, executive chef at Grapes, tagines are a way of keeping up with the seasons.

"It's versatile for summer or winter because it can be prepared with light, fresh ingredients in the summer; for winter we would probably add root vegetables, parsnips and maybe sweet potato," she said.

Although the classic earthenware tagines (designed to be cooked over a charcoal brazier) make the most traditional presentation, Le Creuset has recently introduced an enameled cast-iron tagine. A regular heavy casserole, Dutch oven or even crockpot also can be used, Morse said; the goal is to keep the heat moist and circulating.

"Sometimes it looks like you are overcooking everything, but really you are just making the ingredients very tender," Morse added. "You want to have enough sauce to mop

up with bread, and when it's served in a conical pot and you have a cloud of steam that escapes when you lift the lid, you just swoon over this."

### Tagine resources

By Kristin Eddy  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cooking and serving a tagine in a traditional earthenware pot makes a wonderful presentation but it isn't necessary.

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# Fun ways for kids to eat 5 a day; new cookbooks

By Carol J.G. Ward  
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A little healthy competition is a good thing, literally. My son and I have been having a contest to see who can eat the most fruits and/or vegetables a day. The rivalry has resulted in both of us eating more of those good-for-you foods.

When I suggested we start the contest, I really didn't think it would work. But it's amazing what a small change on the refrigerator door can accomplish.

My 7-year-old is a born competitor, and he checks our totals every day to see who won. He's tried to get his dad in on the competition.

We might not make it to 5 A Day every day, but we are doing better than we did before our friendly rivalry. That's a good thing, especially since a report released by the Food Co. earlier this year said that children 6 to 12 are eating too much fat and sweets and not enough of the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

You'd like to take the 5 A Day challenge with your children, a chart can be printed from the Web site [www.5aday.com/menu/kids/menue.htm](http://www.5aday.com/menu/kids/menue.htm). Children, parents and teachers can order a free musical cassette online. The cassette teaches

children about nutrition and the value of eating five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day with Jammin' 5 A Day songs. It features 10 musical productions with funky beats from hip-hop and Motown to swing and pop.

## The kitchen shelf

The interesting facts, history, sidebars and author's anecdotes that accompany nearly all of the recipes make "Prairie Home Cooking" (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95 paperback) as much a so-

cial history as a cookbook.

Author Judith M. Fertig explores the varied traditions and heritages Native American, Amish, Italian and Polish that combined to shape Midwestern cuisine and culture.

"Prairie Home Cooking" celebrates the prairie heritage of fresh food simply prepared. The 400 recipes include everything from seasonal specialties to State Fair blue-ribbon pies and preserves to strudels, sausages, pierogis and pastas. A sampling includes Heartland

Smoked Chicken and Corn Chowder, Oma's Sauerkraut with White Beans and Pork, Prairie Sunflower Cornbread, Wisconsin Cheddar Beer Soup, Blue Cheese Mashed Potatoes and Wild Raspberry Ice Cream and Black Walnut Pound Cake.

— "CalciYum!" (Bromedia, \$19.95 paperback) is ideal for anyone such as the lactose-intolerant, vegetarians, teen-agers and pregnant and nursing mothers who would like to increase calcium in their diet.

One disclaimer: While this cookbook might be for the lactose-intolerant, it's not for the tofu-intolerant. The 192-page book features 130 calcium-rich dairy-free vegetarian recipes, including appetizers, soups, salads, main and side dishes, desserts and beverages, many made with tofu, soy milk or soy flour.

But if you're willing to give it a whirl, the recipes use easy-to-find everyday ingredients in dishes such as Carrot Broccoli Soup with Dill, Squash with Sweet Veggie Stuffing, Stuffed Collard Greens and Orange Kiwi Squares. The book also includes a resource table that lists the amount of calcium in many common foods and suggests foods to include in a calcium-rich pantry.

Trees In a Broccoli Forest  
4 servings

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**CORN SHORTCAKE**, topped here with an enticing array of berries, is a fun way to combine fruits and veggies in a day.

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## FUN FOOD

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Dipping Sauce:  
 1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt  
 1/4 cup light sour cream  
 2 teaspoons honey  
 2 teaspoons spicy brown mustard

Broccoli Trees:  
 2 carrots, peeled  
 3 cups broccoli florets  
 4 cherry tomatoes  
 3 tablespoons parsley leaves

To prepare dipping sauce, combine yogurt, sour cream, honey and mustard in a small bowl.

Hold carrots against cutting board and trim off ends. Cut each in half crosswise then lengthwise to make four pieces.

Arrange each plate by putting two carrot pieces side-by-side in the center. Arrange broccoli around the carrots forming a cluster. Arrange the tomatoes at the top of the plate. Spoon dip around the base of carrots and sprinkle with parsley.

—From [www.dole5aday.com](http://www.dole5aday.com)  
**NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER SERVING:**

Calories, 349.7; protein, 20.39 grams; carbohydrates, 57.02 grams; total fat, 4.382 grams; cholesterol, 5.625 milligrams; saturated fat, 1.028 grams; dietary fiber, 17.66

grams; sodium, 229.0 milligrams; sugar, 8.092 grams; vitamin A, 2198 retinol equivalents; vitamin C, 337.0 milligrams; calcium, 287.2 milligrams; iron, 4.979 milligrams; alcohol, 0.0 grams.

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### Chicken Nuggets With Pineapple-Orange Dipping Sauce

4 servings  
 Sauce:  
 1 can (8-ounce) sliced or crushed pineapple in juice  
 1 tablespoon cornstarch  
 1/4 cup pineapple-orange juice  
 1/4 cup barbecue sauce

Chicken Nuggets:  
 1 egg  
 2 tablespoons milk  
 3 1/2 cups cornflakes, crushed  
 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into nugget-size pieces

Prepare dipping sauce: Pour undrained pineapple into the blender. Secure lid and process until it's a thick puree.

Pour pineapple into the saucepan and add cornstarch; blend. Add pineapple-orange juice

and barbecue sauce; blend. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, stirring until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Whisk the egg and milk together in a small mixing bowl. Place cornflakes in a plastic bag. Dip chicken pieces in egg mixture, then shake with cornflakes to coat. Put coated chicken on a baking sheet. Carefully place baking pan in oven and bake for 15 minutes. Carefully remove the baking pan from the oven. Serve nuggets with warm pineapple-orange dipping sauce.  
 —From [www.dole5aday.com](http://www.dole5aday.com)

### NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER SERVING:

Calories, 412.2; protein, 29.69 grams; carbohydrates, 37.98 grams; total fat, 15.63 grams; cholesterol, 110.3 milligrams; saturated fat, 1.281 grams; dietary fiber, 1.257 grams; sodium, 623.5 milligrams; sugar, 12.83 grams; vitamin A, 243.0 retinol equivalents; vitamin C, 26.52 milligrams; calcium, 34.27 milligrams; iron, 9.231 milligrams; alcohol, 0.0 grams.

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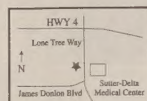


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